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STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Increasing wages causes job losses

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 1, the federal minimum wage increased from \$4.75 per hour to \$5.15 per hour.

As a result, many employees received a raise and many companies were forced to make a decision — increase payroll budgets or cut employee hours. Missouri Southern was no different. This year, the student-help budget increased by roughly \$38,000 to help compensate.

The budget increase was not enough to cover the

wage increase," said Linda Sadler, student employment coordinator. "I can't see that we came out ahead."

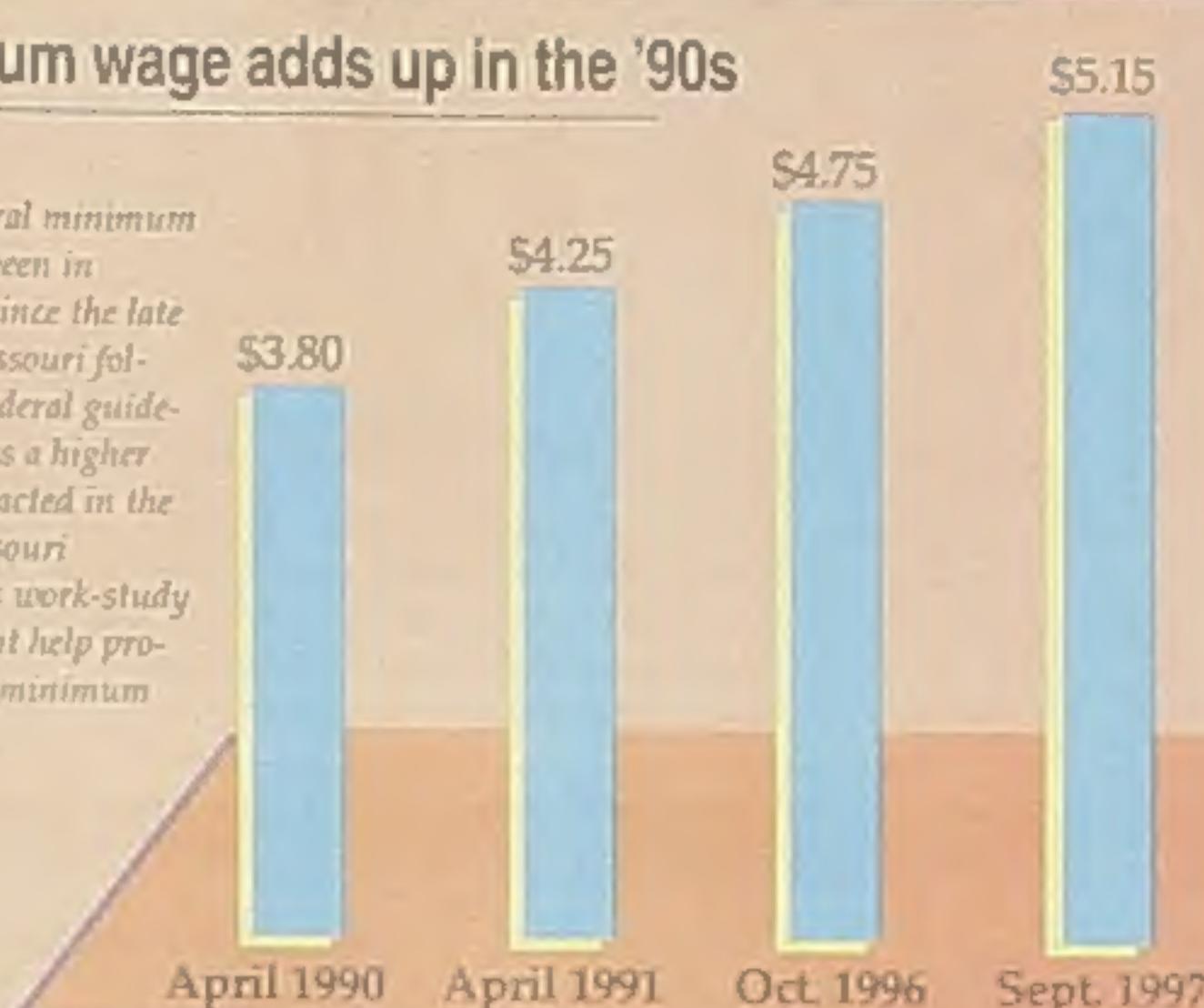
Adding to the problem was the redistribution of funds, which caused some departments to lose money for student help. Other departments saw no increase in budget. This translates into fewer hours and fewer jobs available for some student employees.

"The departments have asked me for work-study students," Sadler said. "Work-study students are

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Minimum wage adds up in the '90s

The federal minimum wage has been in existence since the late 1940s. Missouri follows the federal guidelines unless a higher wage is enacted in the state. Missouri Southern's work-study and student help programs are minimum wage jobs.



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WEED WEAR



Sunny Indian summer days brought many students outdoors between classes. Desiree Petersen, sophomore graphic arts major, makes jewelry out of industrialized hemp while waiting for class on Monday.

STUDENT FEATURE

Prewett heading to U.N. Scholarship turns student into junior diplomat

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A Missouri Southern student is taking the College's international mission to New York when he goes there for an internship next semester. Nick Prewett, junior political science major, will serve under the senior political diplomat to the Security Council, through the State Department.



affairs," he said. "So whenever that comes up, I'll be brought in to the council to assist him (the chief diplomat) with the discussion."

"From what I understand, I'm supposed to carry a file of information about the issues to help him make decisions in the meetings. I also will be taking notes during the meetings."

Prewett learned of the internship position from a friend who did an internship in a similar position.

"He did an internship at an overseas embassy," Prewett said. "He gave me the information. I turned the paperwork in, and I was accepted."

Prewett said his instructors and the

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Southern announces route change

By JALYN HIGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, and many changes are planned. Included in these changes is the route of the annual Homecoming parade at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, said the Campus Activities Board has been planning the change for a while with no luck. This year, with the support of the administration, it will happen.

"If we were going to make a change, now is the time to do it," Carlisle said.

Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing, said the new parade route will begin at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School on Newman Road. It then will proceed east on Newman Road to the second entrance to the College, near the Justice Center. It will turn into the College, head south to the main road, and turn back east. When reaching the flag pole in front of Hearnes Hall, it will turn back south between Webster Hall and Hearnes Hall. It will continue down and turn at the exit past Taylor Auditorium on Duquesne Road and then on to Hughes Stadium for the start of the pregame at 2 p.m.

"We are trying to center Homecoming around the campus," Gipson said. "We are just trying to make it a better day for everybody. In the past it's been difficult to be in both the parade and the alumni brunch."

With the schedule placing the alumni brunch at 10 a.m., it gives the alumni plenty of time to see the parade.

Student participation is going to play a big role in this year's Homecoming. To encourage participation, this year the float prize money has been raised. Another advantage to the new parade route is that the floats will not have to be transported downtown.

"We want as much participation as we can get," Gipson said.

Lisa St. Ledger, sophomore biology major, and Sheila Cross, sophomore music education/elementary education major, both marched in last year's Homecoming parade. St. Ledger said last year's parade seemed short, but she likes the idea of the new parade because it isn't so far to get there. She also agreed that there would probably be more student participation because it would be on campus. She was shocked because it was such a sudden change.

"It seemed a long way to drive across town for the parade and then come back for the game," St. Ledger said.

Cross, coming from a high school that didn't march, also thought that it was too far of a ride last year. □

TERM PAPERS

Different areas of study require different writing styles

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If Mel Gibson were a student at Missouri Southern, he would find another conspiracy theory to add to his list.

He would picture clandestine meetings where instructors devise different complex writing style for each discipline and laugh wickedly at the confusion of the students.

While this theory may seem plausible to many students, instructors deny any such conspiracy.

Every student learns the Modern

Language Association (MLA) writing style in freshman composition class, but will likely encounter a different style later, depending on his or her major.

Psychology and education classes use the American Psychological Association (APA) style, biology courses require the Council of Biology Editors (CBE) style, and social sciences use the Chicago style or a simplified version of it known as the Turabian style.

Chuck Wheeler, junior education major with history emphasis, said he has had to learn three different writing styles.

"I had to learn MLA for my comp classes, but my psychology and education classes use APA and my history classes require Turabian," he said. "In my opinion, every discipline should use Turabian, because it is the most reader-friendly."

In a perfect world, perhaps everyone could agree on one style, but instructors see no hope for such a consensus.

"[The different styles] have to do with the nature of each discipline," said Dr. Karl Schmidt, assistant professor of history. "Each style has grown up within these disciplines,

and there would be widespread disagreement about which one is best or which elements to use from each one."

"Students wish we had only one style, but it is impossible because different disciplines need different styles," said Dr. Dale Simpson, professor of English. "For instance, in the physical sciences the emphasis is on the research instead of the researcher, so their style requires use of the passive voice, whereas we avoid passive voice in the MLA style."

Simpson said he advises his students to accept the differences in

writing styles as people accept differences in any area of life.

"It's like learning the dialect of the discipline," he said. "The best thing students can do is to keep the handbook they buy as freshmen."

"We have a new handbook this semester, *Simon & Schuster's Handbook for Writers*, and it has examples of all the styles."

Wheeler, who depends heavily on his handbook, would second that opinion.

"I had the *Blair Handbook* and sold it back to the bookstore, then I had to buy it back," he said. □

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

Bales initiates internal changes in new role as registrar

Community respect aids in Bitterbaum's decision process to replace Mouser

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Her title may be new, but she's a familiar face in the registrar's office. Dianne Bales was chosen from among several candidates to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Eugene Mouser, registrar, when he retired June 30. Bales assumed her new duties July 15.

"I had been the transcript analyst for 14 or 15 years," said Bales, "and now Karen Hatfield holds that position."

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for aca-

demic affairs, served on the selection committee.

"There were several things that stood out about Dianne," he said. "She is well-respected in the community, she's easy to work with, she's very knowledgeable, and she has the support of our academic community. I've been very impressed with her work."

Bales has initiated several internal changes in the office since she took the helm.

"We're doing some shuffling of personnel and trying to promote cross-training so we can work together more efficiently," she said.

The change in the registrar position coin-

cides with a larger restructuring of the admissions and registrar's offices. The two offices will now work together under the leadership of Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services. Skaggs assumed his new position Aug. 1.

"The term 'enrollment services' helps define the change," Skaggs said. "We provide services to both current and prospective students."

Skaggs said he is initiating cross-training between the registrar and admissions personnel to increase understanding and provide better service to students.

"We're especially trying to improve and streamline the process for transfer students," he said.

"We're taking a much more aggressive stance in recruiting freshmen, transfer students, and non-traditional students." □

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Dianne Bales
Registrar

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

City Health Department offering free HIV testing

The Joplin City Health Department will be on campus to provide free, confidential HIV testing and counseling on the first and third Wednesday of each month: Sept. 17, Oct. 1 and 15, and Nov. 5 and 19.

Services will be offered at the Missouri Southern Student Health Center, Room 301, Kubo Hall, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone wishing this confidential service should call 625-9323 for an appointment. Appointments are taken by number, and it is not necessary to give your name.

Testing for HIV is also available through the Joplin City Health Department by calling 623-6122.

The Southern Student Health Center also offers preventative services, pap smears, and testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

Clinic hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. □

Southern football games simulcast on Internet

Live broadcasts of Missouri Southern athletic events will be available on the Internet this season. The first Internet broadcast is at 7 p.m. Saturday, when the Lions' football team takes on the Redmen of Northeastern (Okla.) State University.

Surfers on the World Wide Web can hear the broadcast live by visiting Southern's home page at <http://www.mssu.edu>. Computer users will need to have a sound card to hear the broadcast over the Internet. The broadcasts will begin at kick-off times. A schedule is available at Southern's Web site.

Internet broadcasts also will include Southern's men's and women's basketball games, the Oct. 11 soccer contest against Truman State, and the Oct. 31 volleyball match against Central Missouri State University, according to Bobby Landis, general manager of Land Go Broadcasting. Landis will provide the link between Southern's site and the broadcast site.

"We're excited to be able to provide this service to Southern's alumni and friends who live in areas beyond the radio signals of stations in the Missouri Southern Sports Network," said Patrick Golay, president of Land Go Broadcasting.

The Net Advantage is also providing the Internet service to the College. It is a World Wide Web site design and development company that has provided the technical support for the Internet broadcasts that make Southern's football, basketball, and other athletic events available to alumni and friends around the world.

"We are extremely pleased that alumni and families of the players who live in other states or other countries now have access to the games," said Jim Frazier, Southern men's athletic director. □

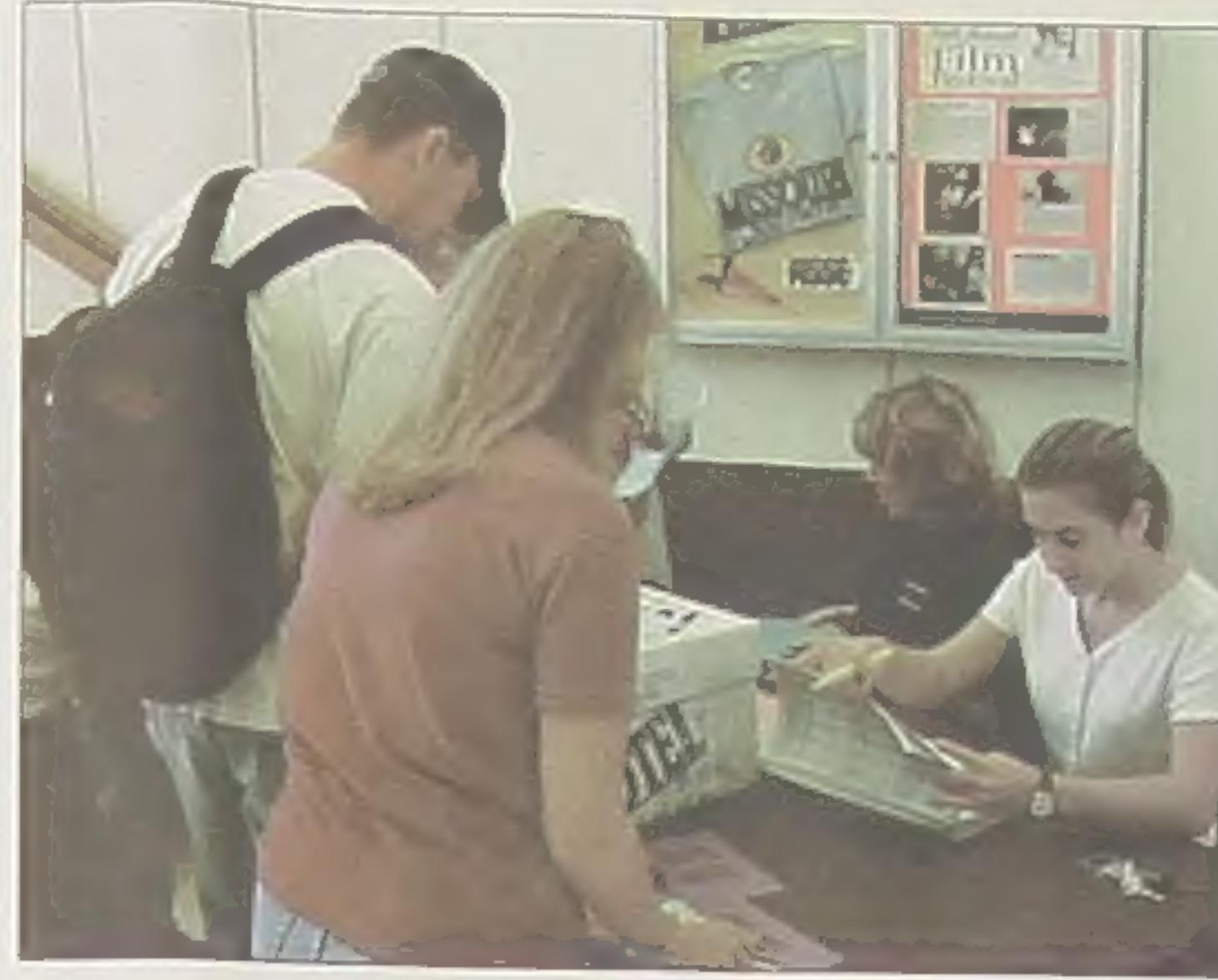
Human resources affiliates with SHRM

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the leading voice of the human resource profession, represents the interests of more than 67,000 professional and student members from around the world.

SHRM provides its membership with education and information services, conferences and seminars, government and media representation, and publications that equip human resource professionals for their roles as leaders within their organizations.

Missouri Southern's Human Resources student chapter is affiliated with the SHRM.

SHRM membership offers students the opportunity to supplement their classroom education with real-world knowledge and hands-on experience. □



AARON DESLATTÉ/The Chart
Students line up to vote while Student Senate president Eden Aber and treasurer Jill Bever mark off their names after voting. The two-day elections ended Wednesday.

Senate elections begin '97 session

Average voter turnout despite expectations

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Despite an anticipated increase in voter turnout, this year's Student Senate election was "business as usual," according to Doug Carnahan, dean of students and Senate adviser.

Three hundred forty-three Missouri Southern students took the time to exercise their elective voices Tuesday and Wednesday — four votes less than last fall's turnout.

An expected increase in freshmen voting failed to materialize at the election booth, which roamed from Matthews Hall, Anderson Justice Center, and Taylor Hall on Tuesday at the Billingsly Student Center on Wednesday.

The lack of an increase in freshmen turnout has done little to hinder the optimism of the newly elected freshmen senators.

"I'm just excited about meeting people and learning more about Student Senate," said Christin Mathis. "For freshmen, it's important to meet people."

The only surprise at the polls this year came from the senior class.

"We generally have trouble getting enough seniors to fill the seats," Carnahan said. "A lot of the seniors wait so they don't have to go through the hassle of getting the petitions filled out. They come to the first Senate meetings and try to get on that way."

Filling the nine senior seats was not a problem this year as 13 seniors completed the nomination requirements.

After all the votes were tallied, the freshmen claimed poll turnout with 115 votes. Thirty-seven sophomores voted, 91 juniors, and 100 seniors.

Forty-six students ran for the 36 Senate seats, but a three-way tie between Nicole Hollenberg, Jessica George, and Jeff Wells for the final two freshmen slots will keep the final sealing undecided until a vote can be held at the first Senate business meeting.

Eight sophomores were elected while Heather Vannaman fills the ninth seat as a write-in candidate.

The newly elected senators will attend a social gathering with president Eden Aber, vice president Sandy Fisk, treasurer Melanie Spalding, and secretary Jill Bever at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Biology Pond.

Student Senate business meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Room 310 of the Billingsly Student Center, beginning Sept. 24. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Gulf War Syndrome causes worry

Earlier this summer I received a letter that stopped me cold. The letter was from the Secretary of Defense: "we have determined that your unit was near Khamisiyah, Iraq... when rockets were destroyed in the pit area at Khamisiyah on March 10, 1991, the nerve agents sarin and cyclosarin may have been released into the air."

This is just the latest chapter in a saga that has been developing since the middle of 1991 when soldiers returning from deployment in Southwest Asia for Operations Desert Shield and Storm began complaining of a wide range of aches and ailments.

For a while, the government blamed it on bug bites, repeatedly stating that no U.S. service members were exposed to chemical weapons, like nerve agents.

I can remember that it was at least two years before I was allowed to donate blood. I thought it was strange that my blood wasn't healthy enough to be used by people who desperately needed it, but the fact that it was continuously flowing through my veins bothered no one.

After a while, all the symptoms of the returning veterans were lumped into one category and called Gulf War Syndrome. During the whole process, our government denied that there had been any exposure to chemical agents.

In all fairness, I believe most of the complaints are unfounded. I think every person in society has at least one nagging complaint that really can't be pinned down. Aching bones and muscles, drowsiness, forgetfulness, headaches, and nausea can be claimed by just about everyone I know. I felt (and still do) that Gulf War Syndrome was just a convenient excuse for everyday problems. But the stories I never could ignore are the ones about children born with physical abnormalities. There are doctors who believe the children inherited the syndrome from their parents. Which brings me to the great concern in my life right now.

About a month ago, I found out I was pregnant. While it isn't perfect timing for my husband, Brad, and myself (giving birth in April and graduating in May could pose a conflict), we are very excited about becoming parents for the first time.

I guess I should also clarify that our house didn't just receive one letter from the Secretary of Defense. Brad also served during Operations Desert Shield/Storm. Actually, that is kind of where we met. I always said it will be neat to tell our grandchildren about how we fell in love during the war.

The story doesn't seem so neat anymore. If there is any possibility of this "syndrome" being passed onto children, our poor baby doesn't have a fighting chance.

I am willing to accept whatever happens to me because of my overseas service, but I don't think it's fair to hold my unborn child accountable.

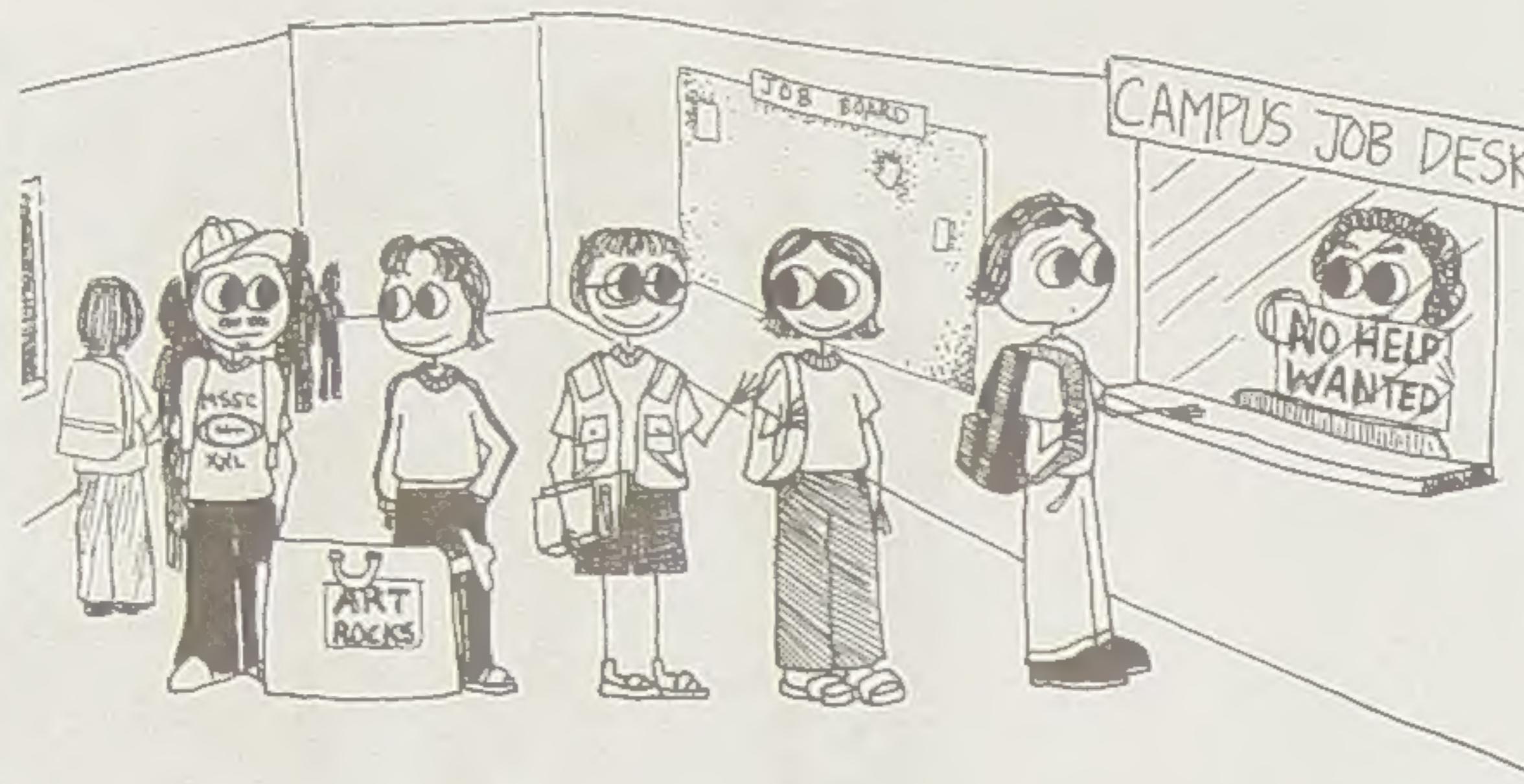
I mean my baby hasn't even started to use oil yet, so why should my child be forced to relive a battle on foreign sand that protected American's rights to pollute the air with over-used gasoline?

I wonder how I will react if our child isn't born with 10 fingers and toes. Will I also be pointing the finger of blame at the U.S. government?

But for now, there is nothing we can do but wait and pray. That letter has taken away my carefree happiness about being pregnant. A churning worry that perhaps I was at the wrong place at the wrong time is always just under the surface.

THE CHART PUBLIC FORUM

Friday, September 12, 1997



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Help Wanted:

Someone to manage College finances

Thank goodness our economy is doing so well and we can now afford to support all the out-of-work Missouri Southern students who lost their campus jobs when the minimum wage increased to \$5.15 this semester.

Thousands of students are on a waiting list, 156 to be exact, to be employed by the College either through work-study or student help.

Department budgets were not adequately adjusted to help keep students employed on campus.

The convenience of a campus job is one of the major selling points of the programs.

No student can argue about the wage of the campus job. The location couldn't be better.

Management is pretty flexible about doing homework on the job. It's a downright cakewalk.

Students working on campus benefit everyone; from the administration to the students. It eases the workload for everyone. It's practical experience on the job, and it helps students learn more about life than many classroom exercises.

The College has done a serious injustice to students, faculty, staff, and to itself.

Not making the appropriate budget increases is going to wind up costing the College more in the long run.

Services are likely to be cut or trimmed down and the students will feel that the most.

The work programs were an essential resource for students.

These workers help other students in ways faculty either could not, or didn't have the time to.

YOUR LETTERS

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Doctoral dissertation creates changes, lawsuit

For my doctoral dissertation on reality control, I challenged the way organizational reality was defined on a typical university campus by writing articles in the campus student newspaper and by documenting each crisis and the general chaos that my writings caused.

Out of this chaos came many constructive changes: The chairman of the board of regents was ousted. The university business manager was sent to prison. The accreditation agency put the university on probation. The whole university was reorganized. The faculty got a 19 percent pay raise. Women got equal pay. Plus much more. I dare to think that every university could use a few such changes.

This research project also caused a 14-year lawsuit between myself and the uni-

versity chain of command. All the other universities and all the school boards in the state joined against me in the lawsuit. I won a unanimous jury verdict. The documentary that was to have been my dissertation was first published as exhibits in a trial transcript. Be careful what topic you choose for dissertation!

By means of this field research, I discovered certain timeless universal insights into how we define reality. I have published this new knowledge in a state-of-the-art Web site.

My use of a student newspaper in this research project demonstrated to me how widely these newspapers are actually read. (I need help in getting this letter published in student newspapers in other countries.) I invite you to please climb

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IN PERSPECTIVE

Plan goals, leave room for life changes

How did I get here? Have you ever asked yourself that question?

I do, almost daily.

In the last year, I have taken over directing the residence life department, the Student Life Center, and now international student advising.

There was never any time for me to be besieged with questions as to my effectiveness in these roles ... it's been a whirlwind.

I wish I could say that this was all some elaborate plan conceived during my college years to be at this place, at this time ... but my nose would grow.

The truth is, if most of us are honest about our professional life, it's been more about adapting and taking advantage of opportunities as they present themselves than an in-depth plan born of invention at some stage of life.

Before I really offend the "planners" in my brotherhood, let me say that I did plan to work in education.

However, 15 years ago I would have thought I would have been in the classroom teaching music. That's right, music.

I hold a degree in vocal music education and a master of music in theory and composition.

I love music.

I love to sing.

I love to play.

I have been privileged to perform in some of the most beautiful places in the world.

But, while I believe I was an effective teacher, I am *more* effective in my present roles.

Have I given up music?

No.

Music still whispers to my soul in a language only another musician understands.

I did not plan to be at this place, but I am.

My faith in God causes me to attribute this to more than random luck or fate.

I "planned" to retire a music teacher, but I will not.

It's good to develop a plan for where you want to be in 10, 15, or 25 years. But, if you narrow your options too much, you may miss an opportunity.

That opportunity may change your life.

Twenty-one years ago, my high school hired a new band director.

Many people are resistant to the changes the new director made.

I decided he was what he claimed and to jump on board with his changes.

Remember those beautiful places in which I have been privileged to perform?

It's that very same band director who has given me the opportunity to travel extensively in Western Europe through a vehicle of music.

Anyone who has spent much time around me knows that it's time for the moral of my story, so here goes.

Do not drill, plan.

Leave room in your plans for growth and change.

Put yourself in places where opportunities you are interested in will result.

Most importantly, have the courage to make changes if you do not enjoy your profession.

Try new things.

If while trying new things, you find a place where you are more effective, take the step! □

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Students practice dissection

By SUSIE FRISBIE

In the world of science where technology is constantly changing, one scientific method has remained constant — dissection. As animal rights groups become increasingly vocal, dissection has grown more controversial. Because of this controversy, the use of dissection has decreased.

The trend for general biology over the last decade is to move away from dissection," said Dr. Jan Messick, professor and head of the biology department.

"Though students at Missouri Southern taking General Biology do not participate in dissections, students going into any form of the medical field will take classes requiring dissection."

"For students going into health-related fields, there is no equal replacement to dissection," said Dr. Scott Wells, assistant professor of biology.

"Other methods can be used as supplements, although Messick agrees with Wells that dissection is the best option.

"Supplements such as illustrations, models, and more recently computer software are valuable, but not a replacement," Messick said.

Several different animals including rats, jawless fish, sharks, mud polecats, and cats are all dissected in Missouri Southern's labs.

"To fully appreciate every individual variation, you need to experience the physical dissection," Messick said.

Students also appreciate what dissection brings to science.

"Without dissection, the advancement of medical technology would be hindered," said Heather Andrews, junior biology major.

Senior biology major Sean Siphan agrees.

"I don't believe in animal cruelty, but dissection is beneficial to science," he said.

When animals are dissected at Southern, precautions are taken.

"We don't use a lot of live animals, but when we do we use a respectful manner in dissection," Wells said.

Students' attitudes toward dissection are also accommodated.

"It is important to talk out any problems the students may have with the dissection prior to the procedure," Wells said.

"There is no telling what the future holds in the realm of science. However, a human cadaver lab may be in the future of Southern's biology department. Today, students have to travel to schools such as Pittsburgh State University to observe a human cadaver."

Whether a human cadaver lab is in Southern's future or not, it is certain that dissections will remain a prominent part of the curriculum.

"In this day and age when we are so far removed from the natural environment, it's important to move to hands-on experimentation," Messick said. □

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



Debra Lawler, senior biology major, checks soil samples in an abandoned mine this summer as part of a project for the Environmental Protection Agency.



Surveying the site, Nicole Berkner, senior biology major, took over a mine where she was part of a team working on a survey for the Environmental Protection Agency. The group studied endangered species in the area.

Abandoned mines focus of research

Jackson leads group of students in study of chat piles in area

By SCOTT FRANCIS

STAFF WRITER

While most students were soaking up the sun, visiting parents, or vacationing (or even working), Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology, and three of his students were conducting environmental research used by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The three students involved were Phillip Johnson, Nicole Berkner and Debra (Meyer) Lawler, all senior biology majors. The research was a wildlife survey, focusing on the presence or lack of soil organisms in seven of the many abandoned mines and chat piles in the four-state region. The private agency who commissioned the study was Environmental Management Systems, based in Fort Collins, Colo. It in turn received funding from the EPA.

"Two years ago, that firm did an extensive wildlife survey for the EPA," Jackson said. "However, they didn't survey for the presence of worms or other soil organisms. The EPA asked that they do another survey particularly for that aspect, and the firm hired us to do the survey."

The survey was used to make decisions about endangered species in the area. Worms and other soil organisms make up a large part of the diet of some types of endangered birds. If the worms lived in the abandoned mine areas, lead could be introduced into the food chain when the birds ate them, endangering not only the birds but other wildlife higher up the chain.

"We started about the last week in July and were finished by early August," Jackson said. "It was a nice, short assignment; just a few weeks."

However, the project wasn't just a walk in the park, er, mine.



Special to The Chart

A group from Missouri Southern spent several weeks of this summer in chat piles on an Environmental Protection Agency research grant.

It provided valuable experience for the students that might have been impossible to obtain elsewhere, Jackson said.

"Experience like this is absolutely why we do these type of projects," he said. "This is the best kind of experience students can have when they get out of school and are looking for a job."

This summer's project was not the first Jackson and the Southern biology department have been involved in. However, these types of assignments are not common.

The last similar project was submitted to the biology department two years ago, Jackson said.

The data collected by Jackson and the students were compiled into a report that was eventually submitted to the EPA.

"I am proud of the work the students did," Jackson said. "It's not often that a report produced on the field can be submitted largely without any changes to an agency like the EPA. They did a good job." □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Missouri Western sets new enrollment record

Missouri Western State College has set an enrollment record with 5,159 students registering for classes.

In addition, the number of freshmen reached a record 1,272 students, up from 1,076 last fall. Total credit hours increased from 59,731 to 61,023 credit hours this year.

"We are very pleased with the final figures that came in," said Dr. Janet Murphy, Western president.

"In addition to the increase in freshmen, I believe we will see that Access-Plus is impacting the retention rates of our returning students. Our campus is growing and expanding, and we are excited to be able to offer all students the opportunity to receive a quality education," he said.

Western's second-highest enrollment figure came in Fall 1993 with 5,118 students. □

Outreach coordinator appointed in St. Louis

Southeast Missouri State University has appointed Patricia Washington as outreach coordinator for the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Washington, who resigned her position on Southeast's Board of Regents, will work toward increasing the university's enrollment to the 10,000 level. She will also seek improved coverage of Southeast by area media.

Washington is a former student-athlete at Southeast and a St. Louis media personality. She also served as press secretary to former St. Louis Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr.

"Pat Washington is knowledgeable and dynamic, she knows the media, corporate and civic officials, and school leaders in the St. Louis area, and she will be a great asset to the university in this new role," said President Dale Nitzschke.

Nitzschke said the St. Louis metropolitan area has historically been a part of the service area assigned by statute to Southeast, and until recent years the institution drew approximately one-third of its undergraduate enrollment from that area.

Washington will also cultivate relationships with corporations and other organizations, with an eye on developing scholarships and employment opportunities for Southeast graduates.

For several years in the late 1980s, Southeast had an office in Westport Plaza, staffed by personnel who lived in the St. Louis area. That arrangement was terminated in 1989-90. □

Truman State makes list of best universities

Truman State University ranks No. 12 on U.S. News & World Report's list of best universities in the Midwest.

The 1998 America's Best Colleges issue also recognizes Truman as the No. 1 public school in the Midwest and fourth in the Midwest for operating efficiency. Truman is the only Missouri public university named to the lists.

"In a week's time, Truman has been recognized as one of the nation's best values by Money magazine, and now, by U.S. News for the quality of its educational program," said President Jack Magruder. "This latest ranking reinforces our commitment to providing an education that enables our graduates to compete nationally and internationally."

Truman's fall 1997 freshman class has an average ACT score of 27 and a high school grade-point average of 3.67.

Some 98 percent of students hold leadership roles in high school.

The U.S. News rankings are based on reputation, retention, faculty resources, financial resources, and alumni giving. The rankings can be found online at www.usnews.com. □

COMPOST EXPERIMENT

Internships provide opportunity, experience to biology students

By JEFF WELLS

This semester, Jennifer Stellwagen, senior biology major, will show Silver Dollar City officials how to turn the park's food waste into useful compost as part of an internship in biology.

Internships have two different goals, to actually do what someone else is doing," said Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology, "but also ... to find a way to do original investigation of information."

An example of this is Stellwagen's proposal to Silver Dollar City to begin food composting.

She originally did an internship two years ago with the Branson Department of Public

Health," Jackson said. "During that she found out a real critical need for Branson was in the area of solid waste and food composting.

What she wanted to do then was to be able to learn about food composting, find out the people who are doing this the best in the country, and then, using that information, develop a pilot program for an institution in Branson."

Stellwagen then worked with Reedy Creek and Associates in Orlando. She said Reedy Creek composts about 150 tons of food waste per day. She will use that experience in her proposal to Silver Dollar City.

"Branson is an environmentally sensitive area," Stellwagen said. "If Silver Dollar City

could be the leader [in food composting], they might start in the city of Branson."

According to Dr. John Messick, professor and head of the biology department, internships are not intended for all biology majors. The specifics of an internship program are designed by the student and an advisory team to provide an overview of a particular biology or environmental health-related profession. The program has gained popularity over the past five years with students working in hospitals, industries, laboratories, and the National Park Service. Two students interned at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Over the summer, Chad Waits, junior biology major, traveled to Papua, New Guinea, to experience medicine in the tropical climate.

In his summary report, Waits said, "My desire to become a physician has been greatly enhanced by this internship and the skills I gained during the course of it."

"There are some outstanding international opportunities on the horizon for students in our environmental health program," Messick said.

The program is also a way to introduce students to prospective employers.

"We have had a number of instances in which students have been able to join that facility once they completed the internship," Messick said.

"It is a real-life utilization of classroom-learned skills in a setting that enables students to choose their professional career and do work that aids mankind," Jackson said. □

AROUND CAMPUS

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STUDENT FEATURE

Mensa offers Hawley encouragement

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Shanna Hawley is as unusual as a non-traditional student gets. She is a member of American Mensa, a club for people who score in the top 2 percent of the general population on standardized intelligence tests, but her high IQ made life rough for many years.

Mensa provides members with mental stimulation, social interaction, and encouragement. Ten years ago, if anyone would have told Hawley that she would be an active member of an internationally exclusive intellectual society, she would have laughed in their faces. Mensa just doesn't jibe with the way Hawley was taught to look at herself.

From a young age, Hawley was told by family members she was retarded and crazy.

"My parents didn't want me to go to public school," she said. "Other kids would make fun of me, some even beat me up."

She lived the life of the biblical Job, suffering humiliation and degradation, all the while not understanding why she was different from everyone else.

"I just listened to whatever anyone told me and took it for granted that I was stupid or that I was crazy," Hawley said. "Everyone

said it. Why wouldn't I believe them?"

Home-schooled and separated from those around her, she lived her life not expecting anything from anyone.

In 1986, things began to change when she fell in love and planned her wedding. Her fiance was understanding, and it seemed that everything was finally falling into place.

They scheduled their wedding on the Monday following Good Friday, but the wedding did not go as planned. Three days before the wedding, Hawley's fiance was critically injured in a motorcycle accident.

He was rushed to the hospital, where doctors struggled to save his life and repair the horrific damage that had been done to his body. The accident left him permanently disabled, but the Hawleys were married anyway as he lay in the intensive care unit at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin.

A few months later, when her husband began to get better, Hawley took to the road driving a truck so she could help out financially.

"There wasn't any choice," she said. "We needed the money."

It was on one of these drives, in 1991, that Hawley hit her head on the roof of the cab and dislocated a disc in her neck. She was left with nerve damage and an inability to work.

As time passed, Hawley grew rest-

less and weary of staying at home. She wanted something more in her life, but without her high school diploma she couldn't seek help from occupational therapy. She took the test to receive her General Education Degree, and not only did she pass, she received a scholarship to attend Crowder College.

In spite of many uncertainties, she decided it was time to go to school.

"It was like, what do I study? I've never even been to high school! What subjects do I take?" Hawley said.

The atmosphere of a college campus empowered her in a new way. Hawley enjoyed school and wanted to achieve a bachelor's degree, but another roadblock remained.

In 1995, someone she met on the Internet told her to check out a cool Web site. It was the Mensa Web site, and it offered puzzles and games of genius. Hawley said her first thought was "Yeah, right."

"But I really like puzzles," she said, "so I checked it out."

The games gave scores, but Hawley didn't know what the numbers stood for.

"I started looking at them and comparing my scores with other people's. I was like, 'Well, my scores are better than that!'"

Finally she took the test for Mensa and discovered she was gifted with a high IQ.

"When I first found out, I felt so



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Shanna Hawley, senior computer aided drafting and design major and a member of Mensa, discusses a point with Dr. Jack Oakey, overwhelmed, she said. "I cried for three weeks."

Hawley enjoys being a member of Mensa and tries to attend its various functions.

"For a lot of people, going [to a Mensa function] is a lot like coming home," she said.

Leah Wilson, local information officer for Mensa, offered a similar opinion.

"A member, like Shanna, who generally feels out of step with others can come to a place where there are others like them," Wilson said.

Enrolling at Missouri Southern for the 1992 fall semester was Hawley's next step. Hawley already has an associate's degree in computer-

aided drafting and design.

An interview with NASA earned the promise of a job upon completion of her bachelor's degree. Hawley has advice for other students at Southern.

"A lot of times you may feel inadequate when you see humor in things that other people don't see, or when people around you see you weird," she said.

"But everyone is different, and who knows? You may be so intelligent, you just can't identify with an one around you," Hawley said.

"I just try to follow the golden rule because it allows for hope," she said. "You just can't let things get you down." □

GREEK LIFE

Pledges join new sororities

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

Rush week was extremely successful, according to Ja Crandall, Greek adviser.

Rush week involved 44 pledges and gained 35 new members in the two women's sororities, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha.

"This is the most new members we have seen in four years joining the sorority," she said.

In the upcoming weeks, the groups will be assisting with numerous campus activities.

Amy Williams, coordinator of the rush and member of Zeta Tau Alpha, was enthused with the fit meeting.

"I was extremely pleased with rush week," she said.

One of the activities Williams mentioned was the sorority's meeting of last week. Some members performed a new skit, "Journey of a Lifetime," which placed emphasis on the sisterhood and lifelong friendships that are formed by the women in the sorority.

Other activities she mentioned future involvement in were to fulfill their quota for the Panhellenic, participate in Homecoming by having a float in the parade, prepare a campus display, take part in the bonfire.

For Halloween, they will take part in a safe Halloween for children at the Northpark Mall, which children would benefit from the safety of being indoors in a controlled environment.

As for the fraternity rush, Ryan Rivers of Sigma Pi had good things to say about rush week and high expectations for the upcoming events scheduled for this semester.

"We had a lot of guys come out and show their brotherhood," Ryan explained. "The way we reacted and bonded together made the experience very positive."

According to Rivers, 23 mats came out.

Some upcoming events scheduled for the fraternities include having an all-Greek party, attending the football game and sitting in the front row, and trying to make their presence strong on campus. □

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Hotline answers wide range of questions

By EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

Many students are not aware of Missouri Southern's Grammar Hotline or its international appeal.

"I had no idea that we had the grammar line," said Crystal Gray, junior management major. "I think that it's impressive that people from around the world are calling it. That must mean our name is getting around, which might bring more students to Southern."

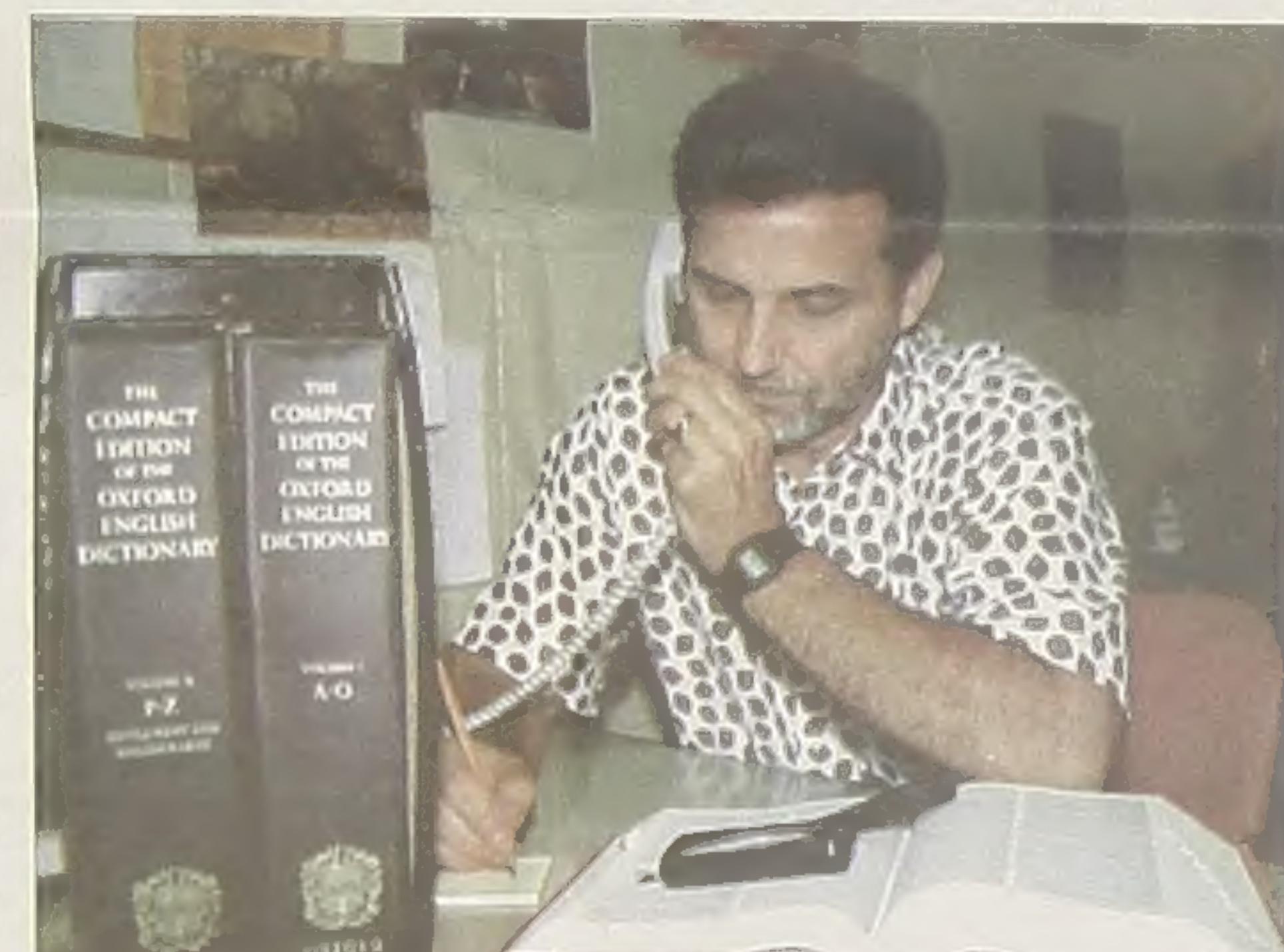
Anyone anywhere in the world can call or e-mail the hotline and ask for help in solving a puzzling grammar problem. The hotline has recently answered questions coming from Japan and the U.K.

"So now we are the international grammar hotline," which fits in with Southern's international focus," said Dr. Dale Simpson, professor of English and director of the grammar hotline at Southern. "Most of the calls come from businesses due to various publications, such as the *Grammar Hotline Directory*, winding up on the secretaries' desks, right next to their dictionaries."

Simpson says the calls are based on immediate need and because most students do not tend to have that need, they rarely call.

"It should be introduced to students on the first day of school," said Donnie Simmons, freshman undecided major. "It might make people a lot more comfortable, as opposed to talking to someone face to face."

There are students that are concerned with living up to expectations and would rather get the help



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Dr. Dale Simpson, professor of English and grammar hotline director, discusses grammar with a caller.

they need in an anonymous manner."

October marks the 13th anniversary of the Missouri Southern Grammar Hotline. Calls keep coming from all over the United States. Internet access has opened the line to other countries.

"I find it amazing that as large as the Internet is," said Laverne Cook, junior communications major, "that Southern gets 'hits' for grammar from the international community."

It is interesting to realize that people from other countries are getting in touch with us for help with grammar," said Melissa J. Smith, junior communications major, "when we are the country that is supposed to be far behind China, Japan, and so on."

Simpson says the hotline has had some brushes with fame. He once received a call from Washington, D.C.

"It was a secretary who was not allowed to identify herself," he said.

said. "The sentence she had a problem with sounded like something a president would say in a speech, and indeed, the president gave a speech that night."

The Missouri Southern Grammar Hotline is answered by random English instructors who happen to be near it when it rings.

It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The number is (417) 624-0171, and the e-mail address is dsimpson@clan-jop.com. □

CAMPUS EVENTS

Legacy Day events draw alumni, children

New event on campus offers tour, classes, tailgate party

By MARILYN TAFT
STAFF WRITER

League is on its way to Missouri Southern. The day-long event Saturday, sponsored by the Missouri Southern Alumni Association, is designed to introduce and mollify the idea of college to young people.

Legacy Day gives Southern alumni and current students the opportunity for themselves and their children, ages 11 to 14, to participate in events and classes.

"We want the young people to come here and get a favorable impression of the school," said Scott Meeker, who while working as an intern compiled the proposal for Legacy Day. "When it's time for them to start making decisions about where

they're going to go college, they'll think of Missouri Southern."

Legacy Day will be an annual event providing a choice of interactive classes designed to give children (legacies) hands-on experience and campus familiarity. The idea is not a new one, said Lee Ellif Pound, director of alumni affairs. She learned of Legacy from two conferences she attended in Chicago and Kansas City.

"Iowa State does a whole Legacy program," Pound said.

"Eventually some day that's where we'd like to be, to have a whole program from the moment your [alumni/student] child is born to the moment your child comes to school."

The enrollees in Legacy Day are glad to see the event being held at Southern. □

"I'm glad that they're offering things for alumni and their children," said Earlene Fort, member of the Alumni Association. Fort is signed up to take the World Of Birds class.

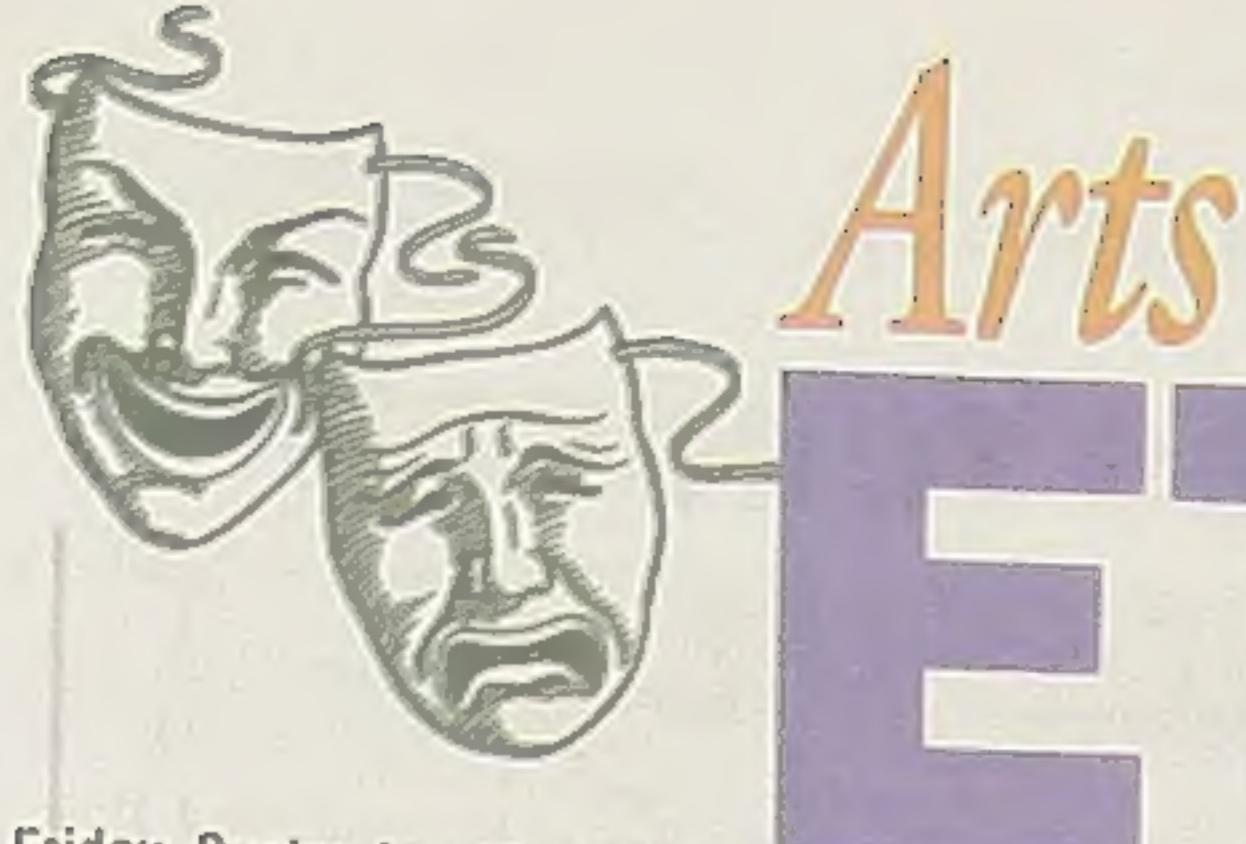
Her daughter, 10, is taking Surfing the Net. Fort said her daughter will make valuable contacts and learn the buildings while participating in Southern events such as Legacy.

"Legacy will make college not so scary," said Rae Surber, ticket office manager. She and her daughter are enrolled in Legacy Day.

"It will make college seem not so out of her reach," Surber said.

This year's Legacy Day will offer a tour, scavenger hunt with a surprise ending, seven classes, and a tailgate party in the newly designated tailgate zone. The group will then move to Hughes Stadium and watch the Lions play Northeastern Oklahoma State. □

Attention:
Do you have a
campus organization
announcement or
meeting time?
If so, call 625-9311



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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Film Festival depicts history

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Ten award-winning, classic motion picture masterpieces from 10 countries will be shown at the upcoming 36th annual International Film Festival at Missouri Southern.

The festival is presented by the Missouri Arts Council, the Institute of International Studies, and the Missouri Southern Film Society. It promotes outstanding films from the past that are not available anywhere else, according to Harrison Kash, director of Southern's Film Society.

"The purpose of the festival is to give an opportunity to see some of the best movies ever made," Kash said. "And to get a big cross section of film history as possible from silent movies to the 70s, and also to expose high quality films from many countries that were sometimes forgotten and again found."

"I attended the festival last year," said Tatiana Karmanova, director of the International Language Resource Center. "I have seen one of the first Japanese silent movies, and even some Russian movies that I probably won't see again."

People attending the festival will also see different ways of life, according to Karmanova.

"Movies give images of life," she said. "People have the chance to see cultural differences, look at the American chaos, look at the Russian chaos."

The festival begins Tuesday with *You Only Live Once*, based on Fritz Lang's beloved theme of guilt and considered one of the best American films of the 1930s, starring Henry Fonda as a petty crook falsely accused of murder.

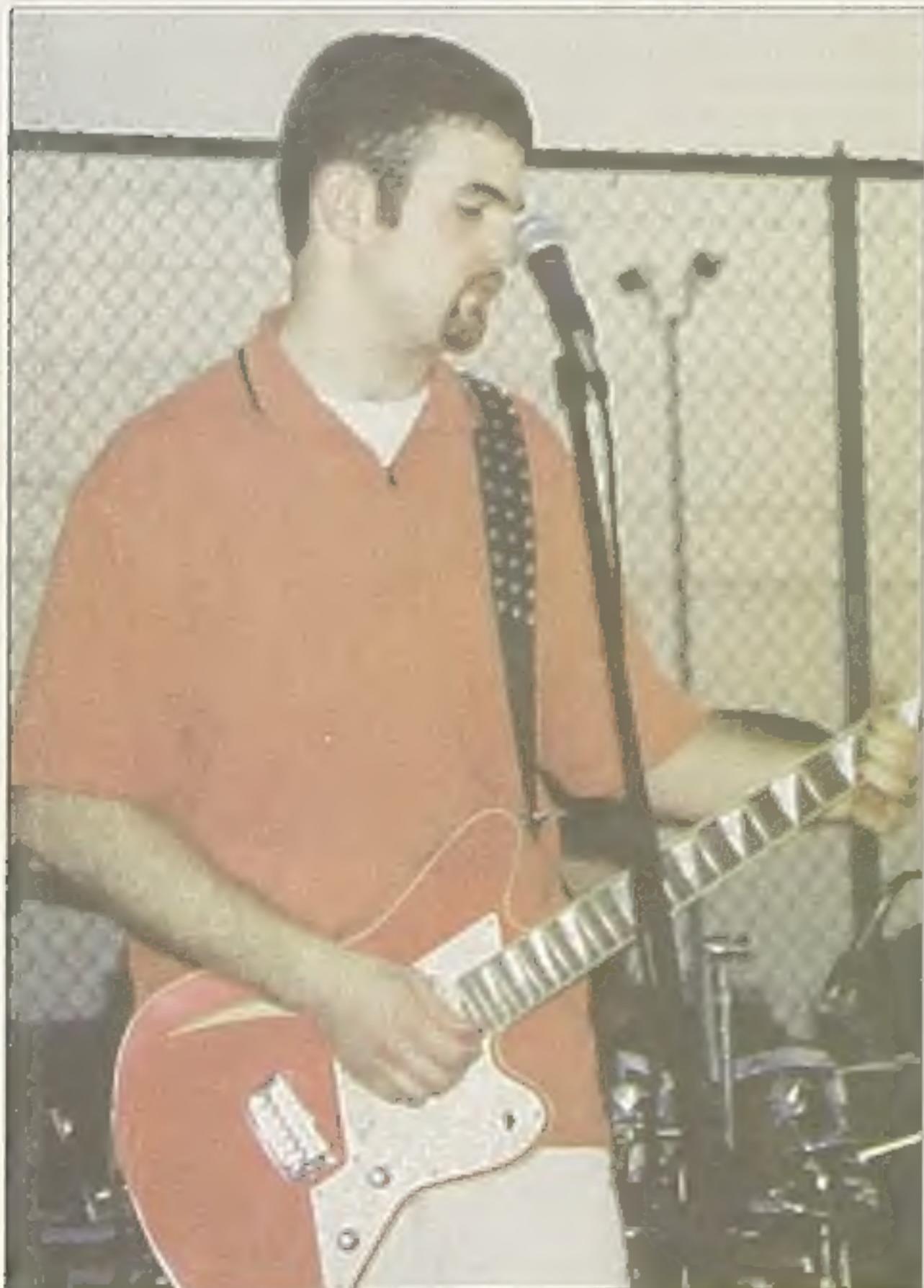
Other films scheduled include a tribute to the silent French serials *Jude*, Oct. 14; *The Murderer's Are Among Us*, a shattering anti-Nazi film by Wolfgang Staudte, Oct. 28; and Alexander Dovzhenko's lyrical masterpiece *Earth*, set in native Ukraine, Nov. 11.

The series will also include Teinosuke Kinugasa's *Page of Madness*, a silent master work from Japan long believed lost but rediscovered in 1978, will be shown on March 3, 1998. *The Promoter*, a comedy by Alec Guinness will be shown on March 17, 1998; *The Forty-First*, Grigori Chukrai's romantic story portraying the hopelessness of war playing on March 31, 1998.

The season concludes on April 14, 1998, with *Torment*, a Swedish film by Alf Sjoberg which earned a Grand Prize in Cannes.

Season tickets for the series are \$10 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens or students and may be obtained by calling Southern's ticket office in Billingsly Student Center, (417) 625-9366, or by sending a check made out to Missouri Southern Film Society to Missouri Southern State College, 3950 E. Newman Rd., Joplin, MO 64801-1595. □

AREA BAND



LOCAL BAR

□ Karaoke night for many is an opportunity to make believe they are the voices behind the hits. A chance to dream while...

Singin' the night away

Beer garden plays host to karaoke showdown

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Voices bounce off the walls of the small outdoor beer garden and are suddenly stifled when the music kicks in.

Heads turn toward the stage as the singer lets loose with the first note. Howls from one area of the beer garden usually drown out the next few lines of the song. It's a song everyone knows, and the further the night rolls along the more people there are singing it from around the beer garden.

It's karaoke in Joplin. It's karaoke at Champ's Pub & Grill. Every Thursday and Sunday night the beer garden is packed with people 21 years old and older who have differing tastes in music, but the same taste when it comes to hearing it performed.

"It's the equipment that makes you sound good," said Larry Gum, a Joplin resident who sang "Heartbreak Hotel." It's not all in the equipment. Some of the singers making their debut outside of their showers proved the equipment can't make a poor singer good.

"Did I suck?" asked Danny Rangel, a San Antonio resident who came out to the beer garden after playing pool. "It gets into a big competition sometimes," he said. "People sing the same songs right behind a person who just sang that song because they think they can do it better. Competition has gotten out of control." □

inside. "I want to do it again, but I don't know if they'll let me."

Many people sing several times during the course of the night, either solo or with an ensemble of their pals. Most get up the courage to sing for the first time by doing it with friends.

Even seasoned professionals enjoy karaoke. Debbie Wallace, who just moved to Nashville to form a band, did her second karaoke outing ever with a LeAnn Rimes tune.

"I don't think I show up anybody," she said. "There's a lot of talented people out here. They just blow me away."

Sunday nights are a little slower at Champ's than Thursday nights, but when the restaurant started having contests to attract singers on Sunday, the amount of patrons began to rise.

"Thursday night, since we started, has been our most popular night," said Keith McCoy, Champ's promotions manager. "On Sundays we were giving away concert tickets to different winners."

McCoy said he has not been surprised by the success of karaoke nights.

"Not that it took off so well, but that it lasted so long," he said.

No plans are in the works to expand karaoke night to other days of the week, McCoy said.

"I think two nights a week is enough," he said. "If you do more than that you'll saturate the market."

Derrick Fisher, who runs the show at Champ's for CJ's Laser Karaoke, said he likes the Thursday night crowd, but enjoys the atmosphere on Sunday when he can get on the mike occasionally and join the party.

However, Fisher said he has seen a change in attitude during karaoke night.

"It gets into a big competition sometimes," he said. "People sing the same songs right behind a person who just sang that song because they think they can do it better. Competition has gotten out of control." □



Coming ATTRACTIONS

On Campus



Art Exhibit
■ Through Sept. 19—
Southern Alumni Art
Exhibit, Spiva Art
Gallery

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM
Sept. 17-20—The Middle
Ages
Oct. 15-18—Les Liaisons
Dangereuses

MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM
Foreign Films
Sept. 16—You Only Live
Once
Sept. 30—Man of Marble

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM
Sept. 25—Student Recital
Sept. 30—Faculty Voice
Recital - Carol Cook
Oct. 2—Lect./Demo.,
Angeles String Quartet
Oct. 7—Senior Recital -
Joanie Martin, Piano
Oct. 9—Student Recital

Joplin



Concert
■ September 21—
Clay Walker and
Lee Ann Womack,
Memorial Hall

CHAMPS
782-4944
Every Tuesday—Blues Jam,
open mic for musicians
Sept. 12-13—Aunt Sally
Sept. 19-20—Steve
Malcolm and the Sightations
Sept. 26-27—King Friday

THE BYPASS
624-9095
Sept. 12—King Friday
Sept. 13—Oreo Blue
Sept. 20—Pumpkin Head
Sept. 27—Walking on
Einstein

MEMORIAL HALL
623-3254
Sept. 21—Clay Walker and
Lee Ann Womack

Carthage

POWERS MUSEUM
Sept. 16 - Oct. 26—
Museum of American
Quilter's Society exhibit

RED OAK II
AMPHITHEATER
Sept. 20—BE with King
Friday

Four Fifty-Six grabs grand prize

Christian rock group handles impressive competition in finals

By JEFF BILLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Four Fifty-Six, a local alternative Christian rock band, left with the grand prize from the Battle of the Bands in Carthage Saturday.

The lead singer and guitarist for the group is Missouri Southern student Eric Gruber, junior communications major. He said that while this band has been around only a short time, he has been active with music for some time.

"This band has been around since Aug. 1 last year," Gruber said. "But I've been playing with the bass player for about five years now."

He also said that while this is the first year under the name Four Fifty-Six, it is actually a second showing for them at the Battle of the Bands.

"I had some of the same members but a different band name last year," Gruber said. "Then we had some line-up changes," he said. "So we just changed the name and changed the style and just started practicing."

The Battle of the Bands has been sponsored for the last three years by the Powerhouse in Carthage, said Rhonda Shepherd, director of the Powerhouse.

"It's an opportunity for local and regional Christian bands to compete for fun and for a prize," she said.

Shepherd said this year's competition started with 14 bands and was narrowed down to five in the three preliminary contests.

"I was really impressed with all the competition," she said. "There were no real duds in the group." □

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Winning isn't everything to me. I find great pleasure in just being able to do what I do. Eventually I would love to be able to do this full-time.

Eric Gruber
Four Fifty-Six frontman

Gruber said being able to play at the Powerhouse alone was enough for him and that winning wasn't the important thing.

"Winning isn't everything to me. I find great pleasure in just being able to do what I do," he said. "Eventually I would love to be able to do this full-time."

Gruber said the prizes Four Fifty-Six has won include recording time, which will produce a four-song EP at a \$1,500 value. One will be chosen from the EP and played on KOBC. The other prizes were \$100 cash and a \$100 gift certificate from Fly By Night Music in Neosho.

John Petticrew, junior high youth pastor for the Powerhouse, said they were pleased with the turnout for the competition and plan to have Four Fifty-Six and the second-place winner, Soulsoak, back for a concert in the future. □

Eric Gruber, lead guitarist and frontman for Four Fifty-Six, performs on the residence hall tennis courts during a Koinonia assembly.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Blunt pushes for education over OSHA

U.S. Rep. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) recently offered an amendment on the floor of the House of Representatives to transfer increased funding for the federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) to education programs.

"Workplace safety is a fundamental issue," Blunt said, "but when small business owners are limiting growth because of ridiculous fines from OSHA for petty paperwork issues, we have to spend our limited federal dollars more wisely."

Blunt offered the amendment to H.R. 2264, legislation providing funding for 1998 to the Departments of Labor and Education. The amendment would have moved an \$11.25 million increase in OSHA funding to vocational and adult education, which fund programs at technical schools. OSHA funding would have remained frozen at its 1997 level under the Blunt amendment.

"Safety in the workplace can best be achieved through better training, not more confrontational OSHA inspections," Blunt said. "If we are going to increase spending in this area, we should focus on education rather than a bureaucracy that is out of control."

While Blunt's amendment was defeated by a vote of 160-237, he is continuing to work to direct increased spending in H.R. 2264 to vocational education. He is scheduled to cosponsor an amendment to transfer \$20 million from Goals 2000 to vocational education later this week. □

MODOT plans future construction projects

The Missouri Department of Transportation is developing a five-year plan for future construction projects that will begin in January 1998 and run through the end of 2002.

Chief Engineer Joe Mickes said the plan would stress the need for more preservation work on Missouri's existing infrastructure.

In addition, the department is working on setting a level of quality so the roads throughout the state are maintained at the same level. Important corridors throughout the state will also be included in the plan. □

Federal grant funds welfare-to-work law

As part of the welfare-to-work law, Missouri will receive \$20 million in federal grant money to benefit those welfare recipients who are hardest to employ. State officials said the money will help them develop jobs and provide job training.

Among those targeted for the funds are welfare recipients with a poor work history, drug problems, or inadequate education.

The funds, which will be available after Oct. 1, are part of a nationwide block grant passed by Congress as part of this year's budget. Nationwide, the block grants account for a \$1.1 billion slice of the budget. □

Salvation Army seeks volunteers for holiday

The Salvation Army is seeking volunteers to help serve Christmas dinner, prepare Christmas baskets, and ring bells at donation sites this holiday season.

In addition, they have many needs throughout the year that can be met by volunteers.

Interested service organizations, civic groups, or student clubs may contact Captain Michael Thomas at 624-4528. □

CARTHAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Foundation gift launches renovation

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 4, the Helen S. Boylan Foundation handed a \$20,000 check to the city of Carthage to begin renovations at Carthage Memorial Hall.

It is hoped the project will update the facility on several levels. The first level would be upgrading to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

"Basically [the check] will cover phase one, which is the planning phase," said Heather Kelly, executive director of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. "That will allow us to go forward and start looking at ADA requirements, acoustical changes, etc."

Phase one involves the hiring of an architect and an acoustical engineer to estimate the costs for the remodel. Phase two involves

actual compliance with ADA requirements, phase three involves remodeling the building acoustically, and phase four would be miscellaneous improvements deemed necessary by the city.

These improvements might include reworking the stage and possibly the addition of dressing rooms to make the facility more attractive to large groups in need of a specific type of space for conventions.

Ultimately, the suggestions for phase four improvements will come from the citizens of Carthage.

"We just want the public to come in and say, 'Listen, I've used this facility before, I see that this needs to be done for our particular group,'" Kelly said.

"[We want to] bring them in and say, This is your Memorial Hall — this is the community's Memorial Hall — and we need to know

what you feel needs to be done."

An ADA consultant inspected all entities which receive money from the city of Carthage for compliance, and a need was identified for Memorial Hall. Then the Chamber of Commerce approached the Helen S. Boylan Foundation, a charitable organization, for funds. The foundation saw the project as worthwhile and quickly found the \$20,000 for the implementation of phase one.

The foundation hopes to be involved in the remaining phases, but does not know in what manner that participation will take shape.

"At this time we are committed to phase one," said James Spradling, president of the Boylan Foundation. "Then we'll see what happens."

The city engineer's department inspected the building to get a rough estimate on ADA

compliance cost. It figured approximately \$85,000.

This figure does not include improvements to the building's acoustics or any other renovations that might be made.

Nor does this figure bring the building entirely up to ADA standards, which is the reason for bringing in a separate consultant and architect for the project.

However things work out, the city hopes to make some ADA compliance changes.

"We will certainly make some changes," said Joe Butler, assistant to the city engineer.

The Chamber of Commerce is also committed to the building.

"It's a community building," Kelly said. "We would like to see that building grow and be used. There is no feasible way, without \$5 million to \$7 million, to come up with a property like that." □

MAPS

City grabs wheel of public transit

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Public transportation has long been a problem in the city of Joplin, but now, to some extent, that problem has been solved.

On July 1, the city of Joplin assumed operation of the Metro Area Paratransit System (MAPS), formerly operated by the Area Agency on Aging. The change officially became effective on July 1, 1996, but funding issues necessitated a year of transition before the transfer of responsibility for the bus system.

The Area Agency on Aging began operating MAPS on Dec. 4, 1995, to demonstrate the need for public transpiration in Joplin and the surrounding area.

"The Joplin area is fractured throughout," said Janice Turner, transit coordinator for the city of Joplin.

"Low-income and high-income families live in every section of the city. There is no one section

that is an industrial district or business district. Those things are scattered throughout the city."

Every time a study was done to map out a public transportation route, Turner said, the map would come out like "a spider

web having a bad hair day."

"There just wasn't a pattern," she said.

The AAA's plan was mainly targeted to the elderly and disabled population of the Joplin area. Instead of a fixed-route system, the buses picked riders up "curb to curb," in front of their homes. This made it necessary for people using the system to schedule their rides in advance.

In June 1996, the City Council looked at the results of AAA's first few months of operating MAPS and decided it was feasible for the city to operate the transit system.

"But because the grant had already been applied for and was going directly to the Area Agency on Aging, we had to have a year of transition,"

Turner said.

Now, with the MAPS system under full control of the city of Joplin, some changes have been made in the way it is operated.

The AAA, because of its not-for-profit status, could not charge fares

for using MAPS. The city can and does charge riders. The fee is \$1 for elderly people, persons with disabilities, or anyone who holds a Medicaid card. All other riders are charged \$2.

Riders who require help getting on and off curbs are allowed



Jeanne Wesley, junior psychology major, and her husband, Ronnie, depend on the Metro Area Paratransit System to get to and from the College every day. The transportation currently costs them \$10 per week.

to bring a helper along at no extra charge.

A policy for no-shows and cancellations has been implemented.

Riders who wish to cancel service, except in case of emergency, must do so at least 24 hours in advance. Anything less will be considered a no-show and the rider will still be charged for the ride. Those with more than two no-shows in a 30-day period must pay for those rides before they can receive service again.

The city hopes this policy will reduce the problem AAA was having with no-shows and reduce the advance-notice period for scheduling all riders. Originally it only required a one-day notice to schedule a ride on MAPS, but last spring the time increased to two weeks.

"We've got that back down a little bit now," Turner said. "We ask that riders give five days to a week now, and we hope to reduce that some more."

Under AAA's management, drivers were volunteer help. Now, drivers are paid.

MAPS transports 136-145 riders

per day to and from destinations in Joplin and the surrounding area.

"Sixty percent of our database is the elderly, but most of our rides go to the disabled," Turner said.

Five of the seven buses used by MAPS are equipped with wheelchair lifts, and service-dogs are allowed on the buses.

Jeanne Wesley, junior psychology major at Missouri Southern, uses MAPS to get to and from the College every day. She said the system is a great help to her, but she thinks there is still room for improvement.

"I also use the bus for going grocery shopping, going to the doctor, the mall, and the library," Wesley said. "It costs a dollar each way for rides now. I live on a fixed income, and just to go to school and back costs me \$10 a week. They also ask you to allow for what they call a '45-minute window,' so, not only do you need to schedule [a ride] in advance, but also schedule it so you get where you're going earlier than you have to be there."

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in advance, you can pretty well get where you need to go, and get there on time."

Turner said she realizes that sometimes people can't give five-days notice when they need a ride.

"We try to get someone scheduled as soon as possible if they call and need it. But often that isn't possible," she said. "We've managed to get ASAP rides when those kinds of things pop up, but it's still better to call and give five-days notice."

Wesley also thinks a token system would cut down on the price of riding MAPS.

"If there was a way for a person to buy a month's worth of tokens in advance and save some money, I think it would be helpful," Wesley said. "It would be good for regular riders who are on fixed incomes."

Anyone wishing to use MAPS or receive additional information may call 626-8607.

For the hearing impaired, toll-free Relay Missouri numbers are 1-800-735-2466 for voice and 1-800-735-2966 for TTY. □

AREA FEATURE

Author inspires courage in children

Book's popularity boosts awareness of child abuse issue

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Bravery during challenging situations is the theme of a book by local author Monica McGuire that has sparked nationwide interest and resulted in two projects benefiting area children.

The Big Journey of Little Brave and Friends, McGuire's children's book about a colt who faces some difficult situations, started a tidal wave of publicity for the Carl Junction resident.

The book was picked up by ABC and they flew me to Hollywood to appear on 'Carol and Marilyn' (a daytime talk show)," McGuire said.

"Then when I got back to Joplin, Marilyn Vanderburgh called me."

Vanderburgh served as Miss America in 1958 and has since been

an advocate for the rights of abused children, winning the title of Outstanding Woman Speaker in America in 1984.

"Marilyn had seen the show and called to ask what she could do for me," McGuire said. "I told her that something she could do for all of us was to agree to be the keynote speaker at the Children's Center fund-raiser."

The fund-raiser is tentatively scheduled to be held April 28 on the Missouri Southern campus in both Taylor and Webster auditoriums, pending final approval by the Children's Center board.

All proceeds will benefit the Children's Center on the corner of 34th and Indiana Streets in Joplin.

Sandie Morgan, director of the area Children's Miracle Network and board member for the Children's Center, said she thought Vanderburgh would better serve a fund-raiser for abused children rather than those who are in the hospital.

"I saw Marilyn coming as more of a

relationship with the children's center which deals directly with abuse, especially sexual abuse," Morgan said.

Though the Children's Miracle Network will not be benefiting from Vanderburgh's visit, it is already in the process of joining with McGuire on another project stemming from her book.

"Monica's book is like a parable for children who have to face something scary, and we will have to be a little brave sometimes," Morgan said. "That's why we (the Children's Miracle Network) have decided we would like to raise funds for a Little Brave room at Freeman Hospital."

Morgan has already asked for a grant to fund the project that would be specifically for children in the hospital who are going through struggles.

"I think the important thing about this is someone in the community is involved in two projects to raise money for two very important causes," she said. □



Monica McGuire, Carl Junction, has achieved national attention for her book about a fictional pony who faces life's tough challenges.

Weekend offerings good for many

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

People having trouble going to school while working full-time now have another option to go along with typical night classes: weekend classes.

The classes are held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays over a four-weekend schedule.

One of these classes is Government: U.S., State & Local, taught by Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science.

"The students are almost all non-traditional," St. Clair said. "They'll have full-time jobs, and

most of them are struggling to get a degree. Most of the students are trying to avoid downsizing in their jobs, and one way to do that is to get a degree."

The situation most of the students are in makes for a positive attitude in class, according to St. Clair. She said some of her students have taken classes in this format before and prefer it.

"They are all very motivated students," she said. "This is they only way most of them could take classes."

Most of my students have children, and many have told me that finding a babysitter for four weekends is much easier for them and their children than finding one

for one night out of every week."

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said weekend classes fit into many students' schedules better than traditional class times. He also said he hopes to see the program expand.

"Many adults are time bound," he said. "By offering night and weekend classes, it gives them the opportunity to continue their education. The weekend classes appear to be popular; we hope the program grows."

Thirteen hours of class time in two days can be demanding on both the instructor and the student. St. Clair said the weekend classes have allowed her to

experiment with different methods of teaching not feasible in normal classroom situations.

"Sitting in those desks is hard enough to do for one hour, let alone four or more," she said. "So I devised a series of field trips and other kinds of work to do. We do some work in the computer lab, and Saturdays we work until 11 a.m. and then visit some agency in town."

St. Clair said she wanted her students to learn to do political research on the Internet. The class has done assignments on the White House Web site, the Bureau of Census site, and various other sites with government information available. □

WAGES: College begins cutting employment opportunities

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paid through federal funds and require a different set of protocols to become involved than student-help employment through Southern. The work-study budget increased by roughly \$80,000 this year."

Some students returned to Southern, and to no job. Jill Sample, sophomore elementary education major, thought her job in the education department was secure.

"I was looking forward to going

down there and working in the education department," she said. "I called a week and a half before school started and asked Mrs. [Susan] Simmons when she needed me to come in, and she said, 'Well, our budget was cut, and you're not going to be able to work here anymore.'

Sample was able to find an on-campus job with the Learning Center. "I have a waiting list of 15 for student help and about 75 for work-study," Sadler said. "I haven't had

this long a list of people wanting on-campus jobs before."

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, cites another instance where the minimum wage increase has affected the College.

"The food service — which we contract out — has a provision that if there are extraordinary expenses, then we have to renegotiate," Tiede said.

"We had to add a penny to what

we pay for food service due to the fact that they had an increase in their minimum wage." □

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Linda Sadler
Student employment
coordinator

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"What I eventually want to do is work in the State Department and become a diplomat. This will be a really good stepping stone toward that goal."

The internship will start for Prewett on Jan. 8 and must be completed by April 1.

Teverow, professor of history, said as far as he knew, this is the first time a student at Southern has ever had this kind of an opportunity.

"We've had students who have done internships in Washington [D.C.]," Teverow said. "But this is the first time one has done an internship with the State Department, and certainly with the United Nations."

"I think it would be a wonderful opportunity for any student, but especially for Nick. He's been involved a long time in United Nations programs, since he was in high school. He shows a clear interest in international studies. He has an avid interest in the United Nations, and I think, for him, it's a dream come true."

Teverow also thought Prewett's internship was important for Southern.

"I think this would be a prestigious thing for any school," he said. "I think it's especially important for Missouri Southern, because it ties in so well with the international mission." □

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Sports SCOPE

Is the price of fame fair?

Oh, the glory of being a collegiate athlete! Virtually everybody knows your name. Your face is seen on the tube, your voice is carried over the radio waves, and your name appears in print.

You just gotta love being in the limelight.

Except when you screw up. No matter how big or how small, when you make a mistake, people will know and criticize you.

Sometimes, you just gotta hate being in the limelight.

Athletes, politicians, and movie and television stars are told

this is the price paid for stardom. Is paying this price fair? Is it right?

Most athletes and people living under the magnifying scrutiny of fame are screaming emphatic "NO's" in my direction.

Most journalists are letting fly with a resounding "Hell YES."

From my direction, you're probably hearing a sheepish "Duh, I dunno." I really do not believe there is one correct answer to the question.

When a student's name appears on an athletic roster, he is immediately seen as a representative of not only the team but the College as well. Every action both on and off the field is seen as a reflection of Missouri Southern.

Our college has found itself pondering this question in the past week as several athletes found themselves involved in an "on-campus incident."

The crime: alcohol on campus.

The punishment: 11 suspensions and one dismissal.

Is this cruel and unusual punishment? Many would say "Yes, because the season opener is Saturday and this punishment takes six starters off the field."

In defense of the cruel and unusual punishment argument, I lived on campus for a year and many rules were broken in that time. The strongest punishment I was ever given was a not-so-forceful "Don't do it again."

But remember, Southern is a dry campus — and a rule was broken.

Rumor has it some members of the athletic department are not happy with Southern head football coach Jon Lantz's decision.

Hey coach, props from me. There really wasn't much of a choice.

This year each player on the football roster signed his name to a "team covenant." In essence each player swore to refrain from any actions bringing embarrassment to the team or College.

Lantz called alcohol the No.1 problem on campuses across the nation. Many of us drink, many of us party, and many of us at times take our weekend endeavors to extremes.

With recent incidents at Louisiana State University, we are reminded how fragile life is and how easily a weekend of fun can end it.

Lantz' actions sent a couple of messages: such tragedies can be avoided, and players will be held responsible for their actions.

I know it isn't fair, but that's the way it is. Taking the opportunity to have your name announced over the loudspeaker, your face flash across the screen, and an article written about your accomplishments requires one small sacrifice — you must make available the other aspects of your life as well. □

FOOTBALL

Handling pressure key to Lion opener

Cornelsen leads 1997 Lions squad into new season

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Many questions loom as Missouri Southern's football Lions open the season at 7 p.m. Saturday against Northeastern (Tahlequah, Okla.) State University in Hughes Stadium. Head football coach John Lantz will start 13 players who were either reserve players or not with the team last season.

"On offense we have two new tackles, one guard, one center, and two running backs, all of which were not on last season's starting roster," Lantz said.

"How they respond to opening-day pressure will be the key for us Saturday."

Another key for the Lions' veer offense is the return of junior quarterback Brad Cornelsen. Cornelsen passed for 1,625 yards last season while rushing for 1,037 in leading Southern to a 6-4 record.

Along with Cornelsen, the Lion offense returns senior tailback Wallace Clay, junior punter Caleb Lewis, senior tight end Brad Hocker, sophomore outside linebacker Dave Puckett, junior weak guard Jason Owen, and junior outside linebacker Andy Saltink.

The Southern defense will return junior defensive end Marlon Douglas, junior defensive end Shad Burns, junior defensive tackle Dustin Calvin, junior defensive end Jereko Lovett, sophomore defensive back Alton Jones, and junior linebacker Marque Owens.

"Cornelsen's the No. 1 plus for us," Lantz said. "Anytime you have one of the nation's best quarterbacks, you have a chance to win some ball-games. Jones is a proven MIAA player, and Travis

Cagle (senior defensive back) will be a good returner for us. If the other people step up like I think and hope they will, we'll be OK."

Jason Young, sophomore outside linebacker, is one of the new faces in the starting lineup. He said he looks forward to the challenge of proving the critics wrong.

"I know it; people will step up," he said. "We're going to win Saturday

night. I know they will step up; they don't have a choice. I know we don't have that much experience; we just have to go out and do it. We know what we have to do. When the game situation hits, things will start to flow and we will be OK."

After starting last season 5-0 and finding themselves ranked third in the nation, the Lions dropped four straight before winning the closing game of 1996.

Lantz' team will find itself facing some of the MIAA's toughest teams

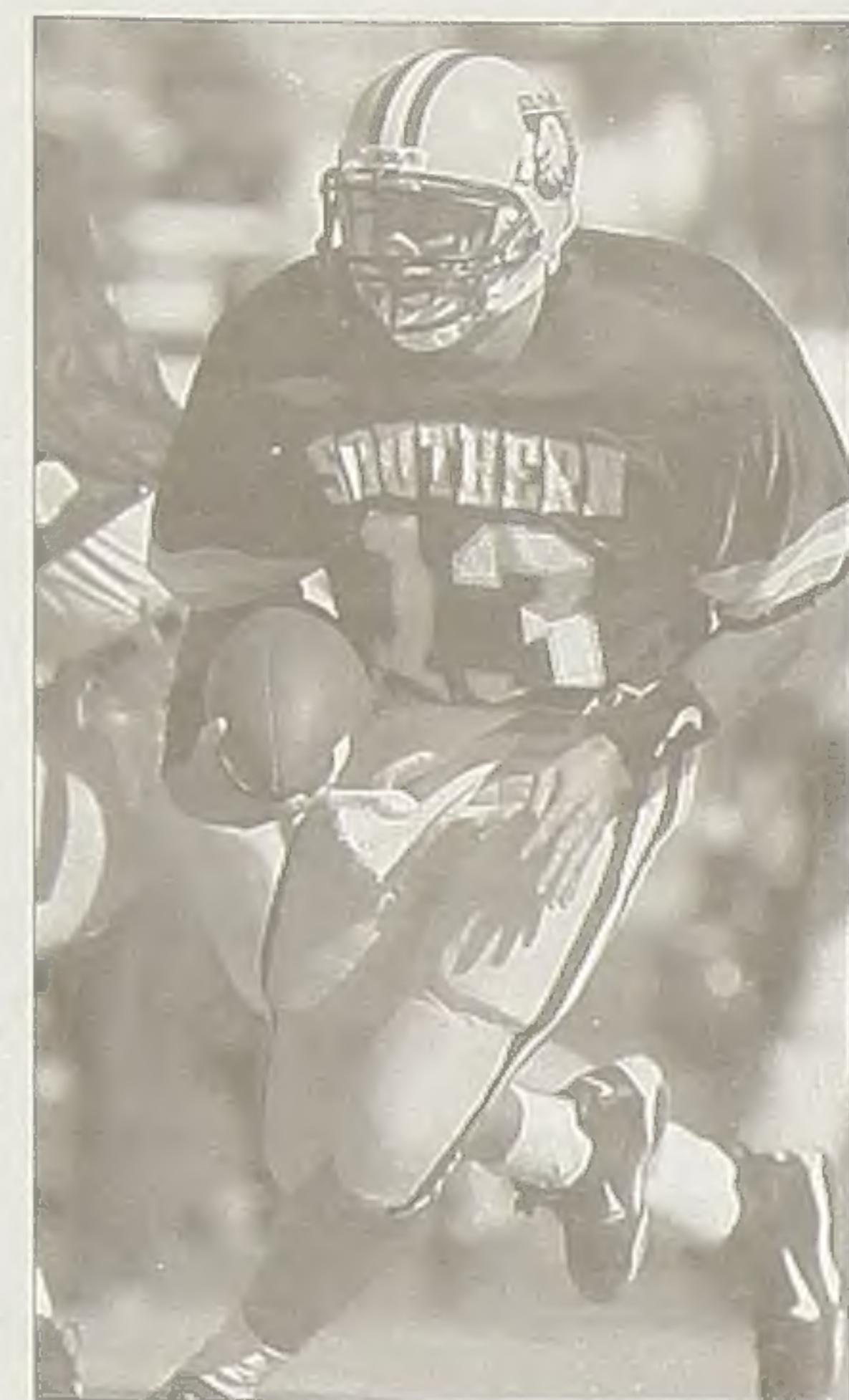
the first half of the season.

Southern opens its conference season Sept. 20 at Northwest Missouri State before coming home to take on Pittsburg State Sept. 27.

Northwest and Pittsburg shared the MIAA title last season.

Southern opened at Tahlequah last season.

The Lions downed the Redmen 28-9 in Northeastern's NCAA Division II inaugural season. □



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SOCcer FEATURE



Justin Buerge, senior business major, will play a vital part in the Lions search for the MIAA title.

Buerge: a senior's role

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

"We've got a tougher schedule than we've ever had, but we also have the best team we've ever had," he said.

Buerge says one of the team's toughest challenges during the season is always Truman State University.

"If we can beat TSU, I think we'll have a real good chance of winning conference — that'll be a first for Southern soccer," he said.

Buerge does not see the team as having just one person in a leadership capacity.

"We have three captains, and we all play a role in team leadership. I just want the team to win it. I don't have any personal goals," he said.

Head soccer coach Jim Cook was also Buerge's high school coach.

"Justin gives good leadership, he has good skills, and he plays hard from beginning to end," Cook said. "He's not a very flashy player, but he pretty much runs the show from midfield."

Cook calls Buerge the pacesetter of the team and credits him with holding things together.

"When he plays well, we play well. He's the one player it would probably be really hard for us to do without." □

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Lions prepare mentally for tough season ahead

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Unforced errors haunted the Missouri Southern volleyball team as it dropped three of four matches in last weekend's St. John's Sports Clinic tournament.

The tournament was the final match the Lady Lions will have before meeting conference rival Truman State Saturday night.

Head coach Debbie Traywick said although the Lady Lions struggled, she saw many things she liked.

"It was a very good tournament with good competition," she said. "We made a lot of mistakes, but we did good things as well."

The Lady Lions won their first match 15-6, 15-3, 12-15, 15-7 over Fort Hays State before losing three straight. They first fell to Cameron University 4-15, 15-6, 7-15, 14-16, then lost to Eastern New Mexico State 15-5, 11-15, 13-15, 7-15 and Arkansas Tech University 16-14, 15-7, 9-15, 13-15, 13-15.

"I told the girls that we could have won just as easily as we lost," Traywick said. "We still have some kinks that need to be worked out, but we will be ready for Truman on Saturday."

Despite the defeats, Traywick was pleased with the number of players who stepped up. Junior outside hitter Sara Winkler had 11 kills against Arkansas Tech

and 13 digs against Eastern New Mexico State.

"Sara had a consistent weekend for us," Traywick said. "As a team we had several unforced errors, but Sara made very few. It is good to have someone like that on your team. She dug a lot of balls and was very consistent on offense."

In addition, freshman setter Amber Collins had 40 assists against Arkansas Tech.

"Amber did a great job," Traywick said. "And she's only a freshman."

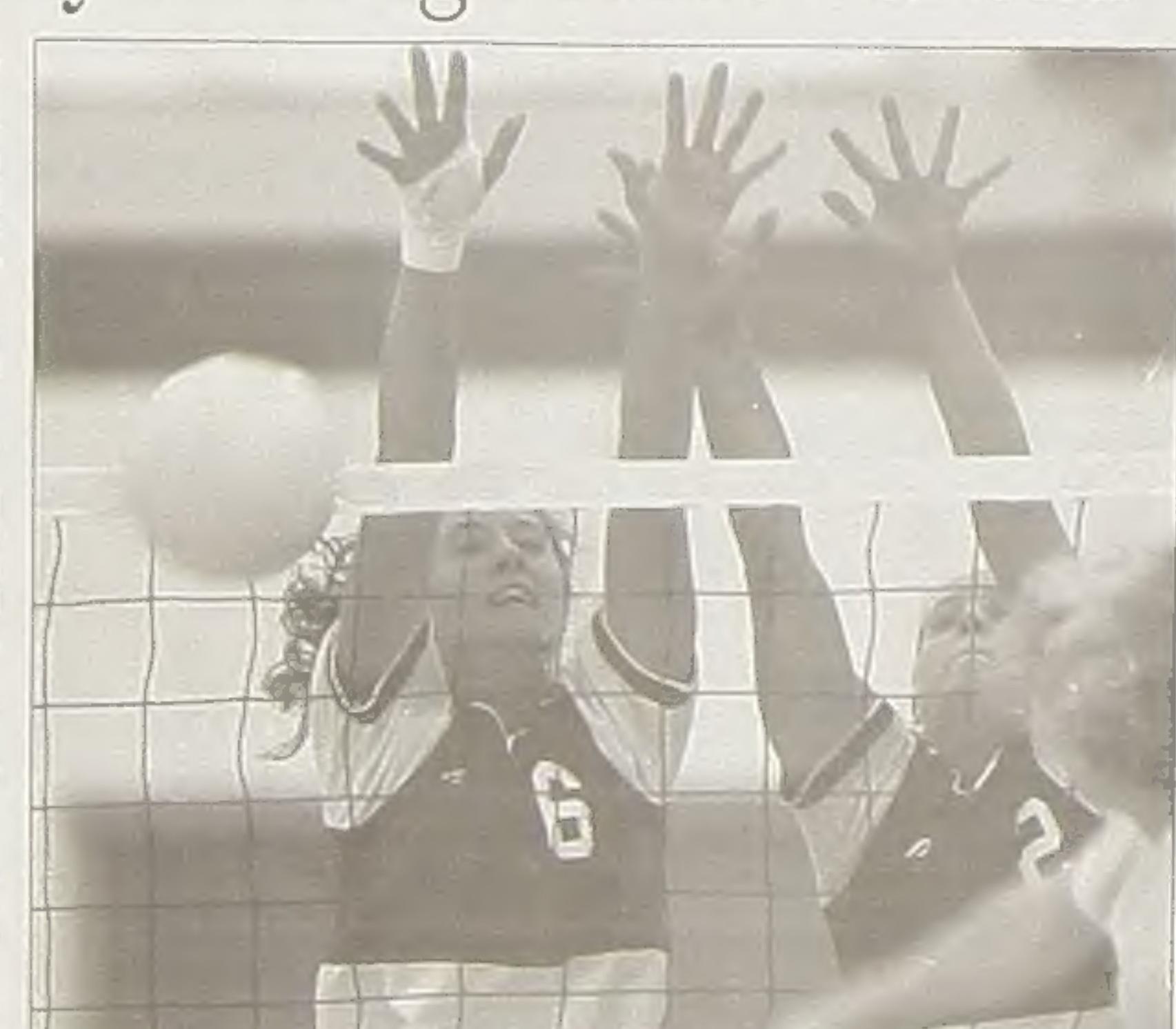
Only two seniors (Kristen Harris and Stephanie Gockley) return to the Lady Lions this season. Gockley and Harris, who were voted team captains, have several honors between them and bring much experience to a young team.

"Both Kristen and Harris are exceptional players," Traywick said.

"They have interacted well with our new players, and they should help us reach our potential."

With the recent loss of setter Jeana Gockley and Lorin Pope, the Lady Lions will look for younger players to step up and contribute.

"As we play more games, we will get better," Traywick said. "Volleyball is a game of momentum. If we are mentally prepared to handle quick momentum swings, we will be successful." □



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SOCCER

Conference crown within reach for first time

New blood builds hopes around veteran nucleus

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

Relatively young with 20 freshmen and sophomores and 10 upperclassmen, the Missouri Southern soccer Lions stand poised to capture the conference title.

"We've got a veteran group that's essentially the nucleus of the same group that we had last year," said Jim Cook, head soccer coach. "We've got pretty good depth, good team speed, and good attitudes."

He said two freshmen recruits, Kiley Cirillo, from Springfield's Kickapoo High

School, and Dave Finken of Omaha, Neb., add a whole new dimension to the defensive game. Another surprise player is midfielder Josh Yarrell, a freshman redshirt.

"We led the conference in defense last season and are a much better defensive team this year," Cook said.

He concedes the conference race is tough and pegged Truman University as the team to beat. Though Cook cites the Lions' schedule as their one weakness — too many away games early on — the soccer team will meet this rival on home soil.

"I feel we're a much better team this year, much more experienced, and feel we have a legitimate shot," he said. "We'll have to play our game. We have to come out and be the aggressor and play solid defense."

Cook believes not only does the team

have a solid defense, but also an "explosive offense." With two wins and one tie for the season thus far, the Lions have amassed 12 goals.

The "nucleus" around which he plans to focus his team includes senior midfielders Justin Buerge and Todd Eaton, junior midfielder Adam Bahr, sophomore forward Ryan Rupar, junior sweeper Ryan Huntley, and sophomore keeper Ben Butler.

Butler's goalkeeping skills have been impressive, and Cook views him as a team leader.

"The keeper is the one player who can see the entire field, and they (the team) do listen to him very well and respect him," he said.

Ryan Huntley, assistant coach and former soccer Lion, concurs that defense is the team's strength. He said the chances are

better this year for taking the conference and that Truman is the major threat.

"They're tough every year," Hunt said. "They have a lot of tradition. When you've got tradition, you can bring in good players year after year. That's what we're trying to establish here, is to get some tradition going."

He believes Cook's core and the team as a whole will mold into one and be successful this season.

"It's not so much one person; they have to work together to get the job done," Hunt said.

Ryan Huntley, who captains the team with Buerge and Mark Turpen, said the opposition will have a hard time outrunning the Lions. The squad's depth will enable the Lions to run many teams.

"If we put everything together that we

have, we'll be a very strong, competitive team," he said.

Huntley has a team goal for the season.

"We will win conference this year," he said emphatically. "We have to win conference this year. That's a must."

Huntley credits Cook with creating a strong soccer program, and sees an invitation to the regional tournament as a longer, tougher goal. He believes as the Lions' consistency grows, so will the respect from other schools.

Cook, Hunt, and Huntley agree the soccer Lions have a positive future ahead.

"Most of our starters will be back again next year, and, if everything goes right, barring injuries or other things, we have a bright future," Cook said. "It makes recruiting a lot easier when you have a successful group."

CROSS COUNTRY

Young runners make impact

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Last Saturday's home invitational meet marked the beginning of the men's cross country season, a season in which success will depend primarily on staying injury-free and gaining strong performances from young runners.

"I'm pressing some of the younger kids to step up, because if we're going to be respectable we've got to have some of our younger ones step up," head coach Tom Rutledge said.

One such player Rutledge mentioned was freshman Steve O'Neal.

"Steve really came through; he really has surprised me," he said. "He's probably one of the most pleasant surprises I've had. I hope he can hold up."

Rutledge had his first chance to see O'Neal and the rest of the team perform at the Sept. 6 meet at Missouri Southern.

The event, previously called the Missouri Southern Invitational, was changed this season to the Bob Laptad Invitational.

"Bob Laptad has been one of our loyal supporters for eight years," Rutledge said.

"This has always been our opening meet where we under-distance most of our people," he said. "The men usually run 8K and 10K, but they ran 5K."

A familiar cast of characters will be leading the Lions this season.

"John Wilkes ran very consistently; he's our senior runner," Rutledge said, "and naturally Dusty Franks, who is basically a half-miler. Dusty and Jay Kocks, who are both middle-distance people and not really attuned to the 5K and above, ran extremely well, so we had a really tight group in there."

"Naturally, our weakness is that we are having to count on half-milers to [run] in our 3, 4, and 5 positions," he said. "But I think that Dusty is a veteran like he is, and Jay Kocks will do a good job."

The Lions will travel to Kansas University Saturday to compete in their next meet.

"It will be very tough," Rutledge said. "We will be running against mostly Division I schools."

As for the conference, Rutledge says there will always be a challenge when looking at an MIAA season.

"It's really one of the toughest conferences in the nation," Rutledge noted. "You take into account that CMSU (Central Missouri State University) is almost all foreign athletes, and they have Alexander Alexia who was the national champion last year."



Lady Lion cross country women, shown above, are leaving Young Gymnasium to go on an afternoon run.

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Tom Rutledge
Head men's
cross country coach

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Part of that improvement goes back to closer racing times.

"Our two front runners are as good as any two in the conference," Vavra said. "One of our goals this season is to bring our pack time down to [less than] seconds [per] minute, and if that happens we will be terribly competitive in the MIAA."

"Cross country is such a team sport — the team score depends on everyone out there and how well they compete."



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Football

Pre-season MIAA poll

(1996 conf. record)	
1. Pittsburg State (7)	8-1
2. Northwest Missouri (1)	8-1
3. Missouri Southern	5-4
4. Central Missouri State (2)	2-7
5. Truman State	7-2
6. Emporia State	5-4
7. Missouri Western	5-4
8. Washburn	4-5
9. Missouri-Rolla	1-8
10. Southwest Baptist	0-9

Volleyball

MIAA

STANDINGS	
1. Central Missouri State	7-1
2. Missouri Western	6-2
3. Washburn	6-2
4. Northwest Missouri	3-2
5. Truman State	5-4
6. Missouri Southern	2-3
7. Pittsburg State	3-5
8. Southwest Baptist	2-4
9. Emporia	2-6

Non-conf. action

MIAA	
1. Central Missouri State	7-1
2. Missouri Western	6-2
3. Washburn	6-2
4. Northwest Missouri	3-2
5. Truman State	5-4
6. Missouri Southern	2-3
7. Pittsburg State	3-5
8. Southwest Baptist	2-4
9. Emporia	2-6

Cross Country

MIAA

Southern top finishers	
Lions (Top five finishers, 2 mi.)	3.1 mi.
2. Jon Wilks	15:10
8. Steve O'Neal	16:10
10. Dusty Franks	16:21.37
11. Jake Wells	16:21.99
13. Jay Kocks	16:23
Lady Lions (Top five finishers, 2 mi.)	2.0 mi.
1. Sonia Blacketer	11:23.88
3. Amanda Harrison	11:41
13. Jill Becker	12:43
18. Jessica Zeitler	12:49
Shanna Lynch	13:15

MIAA

STANDING	
1. Missouri Southern	2-0-1
2. Truman State	3-1-0
3. Missouri-Rolla	1-2-0
4. Southwest Baptist	0-2-0
5. Lincoln	0-2-0

MIAA Standings

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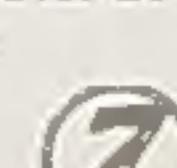
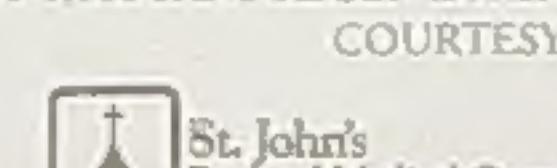
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VOLLEYBALL FEATURE

Winkler back and better than ever

After breaking her ankle in the second game of last season, this Lady lion is in action again.

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Most coaches would fret at the idea of having an accident-prone athlete on their team. Head volleyball coach Debbie Traywick would beg to differ.

Junior outside hitter Sara Winkler has several accidental occasions to reflect on as an athlete, but there is one thing Traywick likes about her.

"She's an extremely hard worker and she always comes back ready to play her best," Traywick said.

In the second game of last year's St. John's Sports Clinic tournament, Winkler slipped on a water spot and broke her fibula in two places.

She went through surgery directly and received nine pins in her ankle.

"I knew it was broken when I fell," she said. "It's one of those things that you don't think will happen to you."

Winkler was redshirted and began rehab right away. The process took close to eight weeks, and, at times, Winkler would become frustrated.

"I did not think that I would miss the entire season," she said. "For the first part of rehab, all they did was ice it and let me move a little bit. I just wanted to get up and walk on it so I could play again. It was so hard traveling with the team and watching everyone else get to play."

A week prior to her ankle injury, Winkler had a somewhat lesser accident. During a regular preseason drill, she "sprawled out" for a ball and busted her chin on the gymnasium floor.

"The object of the drill is for us to dig the ball from across the court before it hits the ground," Winkler said.

"Coach stands by the net and we stand in one corner of the court. When she tossed the ball, I dug the ball but hit chin first on the gym floor."

"I went to wipe the sweat from my chin, but realized it was blood," she said. "I got six stitches."

What seemed like a once-in-a-lifetime accident reoccurred this year around the same time — right before the St. John's Sports Clinic tournament. Same drill. Same place. Same person.

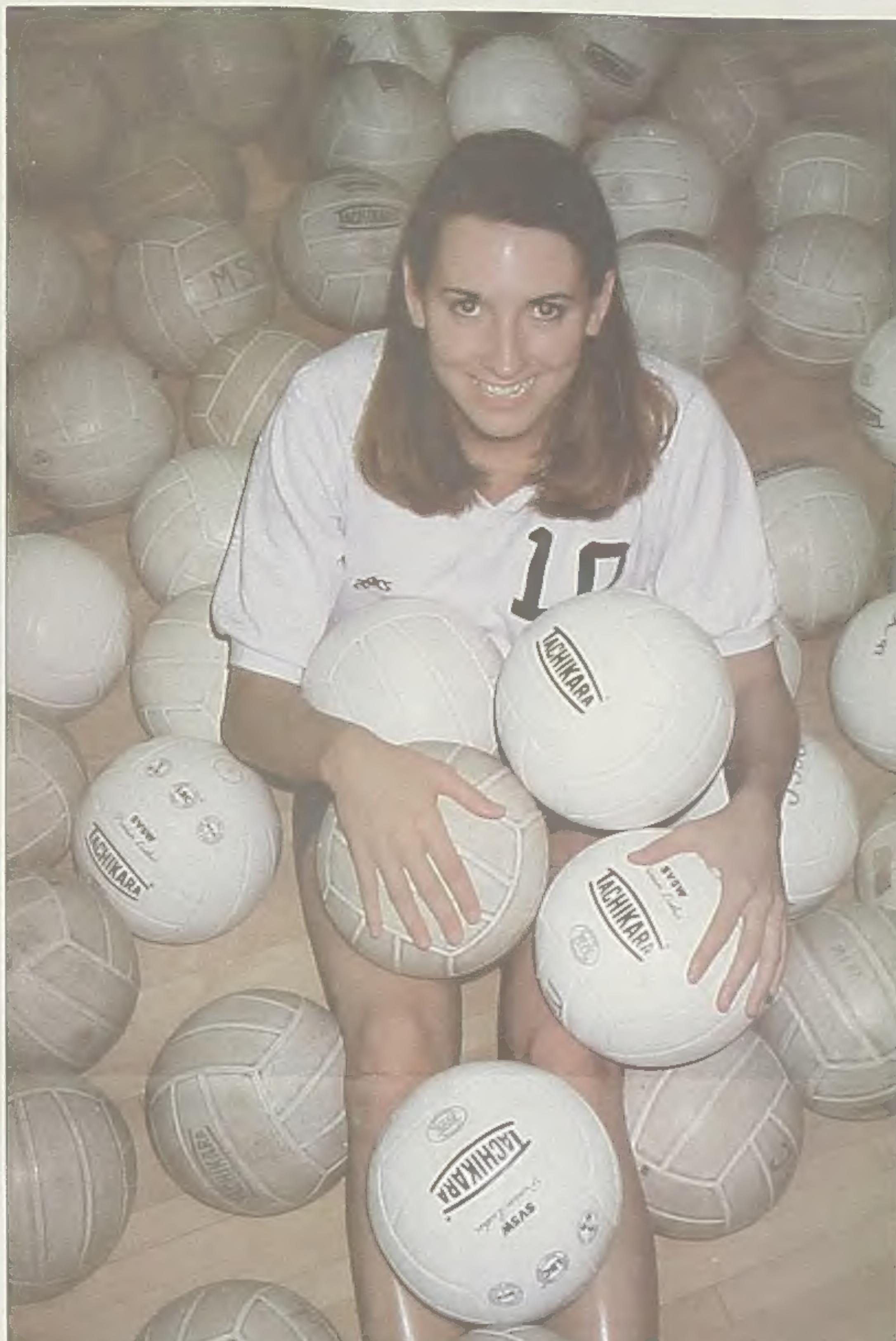
"It's like déjà vu," Winkler said. "I landed a little closer to the bleachers this time, though. The only thing that would be worse would be if I broke my ankle again."

She did, however, experience her first car accident in late June of this year.

"It was nothing serious, really," she said. "I rode in an ambulance to the hospital and got X-rays on my neck. Everything was all right, though."

Winkler has started the 1997 season on a promising note as she racked up 19 kills in one tournament game and 13 digs in another. She said she has been looking forward to this season since last year at this time, and has set two goals.

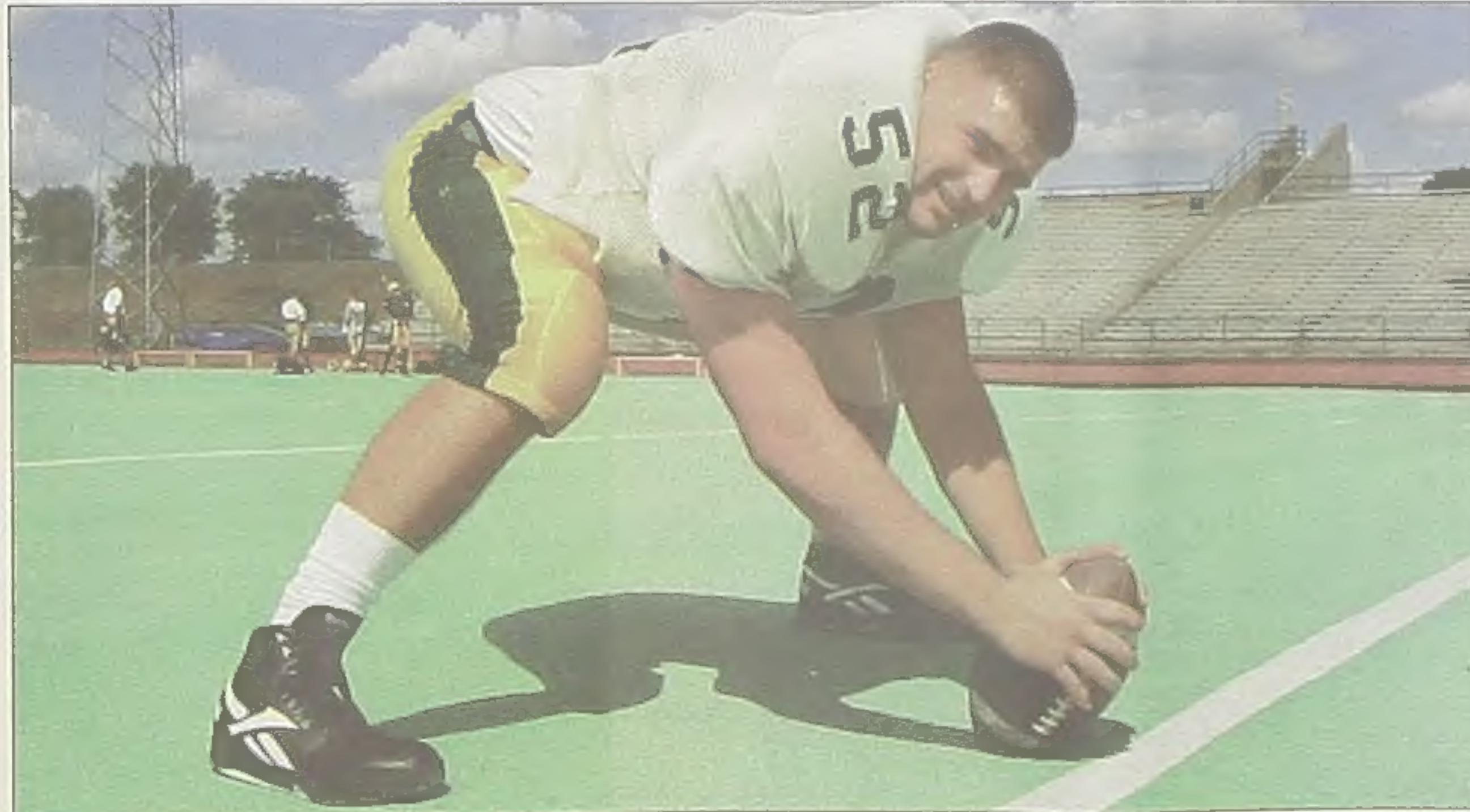
"I want to win the conference championship and have fun doing it," she said. "We are ranked third, and we have so much potential. I have to enjoy myself because you never know when your college career is going to be all over." □



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Returning from an injury incurred last season, junior outside hitter Sara Winkler is making an impact for the Lady

FOOTBALL FEATURE



Senior specialty player Lee Heinerikson is proud of his healthy mental and spiritual attitude on and off the field for the Missouri Southern Lions.

Heinerikson hopes to stay calm while making his first start at center against Redmen

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

After serving three years as a long snapper for the Missouri Southern Lions football team, Lee Heinerikson will get the chance to fulfill a long time aspiration.

Not only will he handle the long snapping duties in the season opener, but he will also make his first start at the center position.

The move comes after an off the field incident placed Dave Puckett, who is the regular

starter, on suspension for one game.

"My teammates and coaches have confidence that I will do well," Heinerikson said. "All I can do is go out there and do my best. Whether that is good enough, we will find out."

Heinerikson said that the opportunity to start was a blessing and that his faith in God allows him to do all things.

Although he has a strong trust in God, nervousness is still normal for any athlete in his situation.

"I'm just a little nervous right now," he said

with a smile. "I don't think the butterflies will really hit until Saturday afternoon."

Until this summer, Heinerikson was somewhat undersized for an offensive linemen. At the beginning of his career at Missouri Southern, he barely weighed 200 pounds. He played last season at 220 pounds, but gained 35 pounds over the summer.

"There is a humongous difference in being 220 and 255 on the offensive line," said Heinerikson. "With the extra weight I can hold my ground a lot better." □

Little-noticed player fills important role

By SUSIE FRISBIE
STAFF WRITER

In a sport such as football, the glory positions get most of the attention. At Missouri Southern, one less-noticed player's influence, on and off the field, cannot be denied.

Senior specialty deep snapper Lee Heinerikson is that player.

As deep snapper, he is responsible for snaps made in a punting situation.

A bad snap to the punter can lead to an easy scoring opportunity for the opponent.

Head football coach Jon Lantz knows this all too well.

"Prior to Lee joining the team, we had lost a couple of games due to bad snaps," Lantz said.

"Lee has never had a bad snap in 30 games."

Heinerikson has the kind of talent pro scouts may be interested in, but he doesn't let that get to his head.

"You can't count on anything in football," he said. "One knee turn, and you're done."

Heinerikson, a kinesiology major, sets academics as his priority. Ultimately, he hopes to teach on the junior or senior high school level and coach either football or track.

Heinerikson believes being a college athlete gives him a unique opportunity.

ATHLETICS

Southern scores new sport

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

Another sport has been added to the list of those offered at Missouri Southern.

This spring, a women's club soccer team will be coached by the Lion head soccer coach Jim Cook.

The process has been coming along slowly for the team.

One of the main problems has been getting interest in a club sport.

Even though it is a club sport, scholarship money has been made available for players.

A club sport is different from other sports at Southern. Club sports mainly play by local regulations.

"The regulations aren't as strict as the NCAA regulations," Cook said.

One of the main concerns for the team will be finding opponents who will play them.

"All the games are unofficial, and they don't count toward a conference championship or a national championship," Cook said.

Women's soccer is offered by many colleges, which actually hurts Southern's chances of finding games.

"So many women's teams have been recognized by the NCAA that they just want to play against other recognized teams," Cook said.

The team begins practice in the spring, but has not set a date for tryouts.

All women are welcome to come out in the fall to prepare for the spring.

It is important that interested players come out in the fall to adjust to the situation.

It will be difficult for the athletes to adjust from high school to college-level soccer.

"We're going to see if they can adjust with our coaching to get them used to playing at this level," Cook said.

Even though women's soccer is just a club sport now, Cook has high hopes.

"Our ultimate plan is to be a club for two years, and then, if we recruit enough athletes, hopefully we can turn it into a Division II sport," he said. □

"It's important to be a role model, being a college athlete with all the media attention surrounding the team," he said. "You have to try to set a good example for Southern."

Lantz believes Heinerikson encompasses what it means to be a good role model.

"Lee's an all-American type of guy," he said. "He's a real fine Christian young man with his priorities in order."

Heinerikson is active in other College organizations outside of football.

He is a record holder in the hammer and weight throw for Southern's track team, as well as the former vice president and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Heinerikson expressed his gratitude to those who helped him get to this point in his athletic career.

"I'd like to thank all the fans for supporting the team," he said. "Without them, our season cannot be a success."

He offers praise for his success not only to the fans, but also to God.

"God has given us certain talents," Heinerikson said. "It's up to us to mature them through His glory."

With his consistency on the field and his positive outlook on life, it is only appropriate that Heinerikson coins himself a "humble warrior." □